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## THEY'RE OFF – IN THE BARRY FIVE-MILE RACE



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### Trial starts for man (61) after Vale school crash

**COURT  
REPORT by  
AJ SICLUNA**

THE scene of a car accident outside a Vale school was one of "chaos, with parents and children screaming", Cardiff Magistrates Court has been told.

The driver of a car which went out of control injuring seven pedestrians was taken from the overturned vehicle and pleaded: "Did I do anything wrong? Was it my fault?"

Retired engineer Robert Bell, 61, of Beaufort Way, Rhosee, has pleaded not guilty to driving without due care and attention.

Prosecutor Lisa Jones said that the accident occurred outside the school at about 8.15am on June 20, as children were arriving.

Bell, who had been travelling normally suddenly appeared to accelerate, hit a bollard, and overturned.

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### 'Wake up call' for man after cannabis arrest

A MAN convicted of a drug offence had received a "wake-up call" when he was arrested, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

Joshua Perry (22), of Godwick Close, Barry, admitted possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

He was jailed for six months, suspended for two years, and made subject to a supervision order for a year. He was also directed to carry out 120 hours unpaid work and to pay costs of £100 and a victim surcharge of £80.

Judge Tom Crowther QC told him: "You have no previous drugs convictions and you are in employment, which is important."

Prosecutor David Wooller said that

**CROWN COURT  
REPORT  
by AJ SICLUNA**

on October 25, police went to an address in Barry where they could smell cannabis. They found a quantity of the drug and Perry, who was present, said: "That's for me, I'm not a dealer. It's for me and my mates."

They found cannabis worth up to £160 and on Perry's mobile phone, were calls indicating he had offered to supply the drugs.

Mr Wooller said he had dealt on a "low level".

His counsel, David Elias, said: "He didn't live the high life by selling drugs and when apprehended, he received a wake-up call."

### No more burgers at Cemetery Approach

A fast food concern which was trading legitimately at Cemetery Approach, has agreed not to return to the 'pitch' during the remainder of the licence period.

Town councillor Shirley Hodges raised the issue by writing to the Leader of the Vale Council, Neil Moore, and questioning the wisdom of allowing a licence where people "demand a respectful entry to their cemetery".

Coun Moore told The GEM he had been looking into the matter. The trader had a licence until May 26, but had agreed not to return for the remainder of it.

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18:30	Metafit	LBT	Boxercise	Abs & Arms	
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## 'The Barry Court ward is last in the pecking order'

**I**HAVE to agree with the recent letter from Bassett residents about how good the roads have been resurfaced in the Vale Labour leader's ward of Cadoc in Barry.

Sadly, it does always seem that the Court ward is last on the pecking list when jobs are to be done.

As it states in the letter, Everard Street was programmed to be done last year. When I enquired, I was given a revised date and promised by officers that the work would be done

properly. Disappointingly, there has been no progress since and I would like to know why not?

In fact, I will be taking this up again with the head of service, Miles Punter, because council taxpayers deserve better.

I will also again complain about the wall at Bassett Park. It is totally wrong to be left in this state for so long.

This damaged wall is a security and safety risk for children who will soon be playing in this park.

**Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Barry Court ward.**

## 'Back to the days of soup kitchens'

**I**THOUGHT Governments were elected to serve the people, but this Government has not done anything of the kind, in fact, just the opposite.

After 35 years of 'Tory' policies (which includes the Blair regime) this country is back to the early 1990s, with 'soup kitchens' springing up everywhere.

It's time the people realised capitalism is designed to make the rich richer - that's what Conservatism is all about - such as reducing the high rate of income tax from £50,000 to £45,000; and giving these people an extra £100 per week, for

starters. If we had stuck to Harold Wilson's policies, we would be the richest country in Europe - not Germany - who did not sell off their assets, as the Tories did, for a quick buck.

Everything they have done so far is for the benefit of the rich - that's why we're almost bankrupt.

If they win the next election, you can say goodbye to the NHS.

It's Wales' Government that is creating employment.

Tories say the number of people claiming benefits is down, reducing the unemployed register.

But don't be fooled by the claim that employment is up! **Bill Lang, Barry.**

## Have Big BBQ for epilepsy charity

**I**AM writing to invite GEM readers to get their grill on - to support people with epilepsy - and take part in the first ever Epilepsy Action Big BBQ, from June 9-15.

Every year, around 32,000 people are diagnosed with epilepsy, that's 87 every single day. All the money raised from this event will help us to continue our vital work in supporting the 600,000 people with epilepsy across the UK. It is estimated that around 30,000 people in Wales alone have epilepsy.

The event is being supported by Napoleon® Grills and every Big BBQ chef will have the chance to win one of ten BBQ accessory packs, each worth £65. Visit [epilepsy.org.uk/bigbbq](http://epilepsy.org.uk/bigbbq) or call 0113 210 8800.

**Carl Foster, Fundraising events officer, Epilepsy Action.**

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## Plan for a new settlement at Llandow Newydd... 'JUST WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?'

**I**N The GEM issue of May 1, Mike Carney asked why the Vale Council was opposed to a new settlement

development on the site of the old Llandow airport.

There have been numerous letters and articles in The GEM on this subject over recent weeks, but despite the council's transparency policy, I note that as yet not one councillor has come forward to give a clear and full explanation of its position on this question.

The original proposal by Persimmon and Barratt was put forward as a candidate site and refused by the then Tory council in 2009 for what, in my opinion, were somewhat dubious reasons.

This despite the fact that two planning consultants (one employed by the council itself) had found it to be the best 'preferred strategy' option for the new Local Development Plan.

The council supported a different option (which scored less on the Sustainability

Matrix) and stated that under Welsh planning policy 'new settlements' were a 'last resort' and the site included a 'significant' amount of high quality agricultural land.

However, as Philip Clarke pointed out last week, 'new settlements' are allowed if enough infrastructure is provided by the developers and they offer significant environmental, social and economic advantages over other options.

The Llandow Newydd proposal did meet the criteria, according to the appraisal reports of the two independent planning consultants at the time.

As to agricultural land, it was never proven to be of high quality and was not that significant as a proportion of the whole site, including existing industrial development.

The High Court decision referred to by Mr Carney, and explained by Dennis Harkus in his letter to The GEM last week, concerned the legitimacy of the refusal by the Vale Council and NOT whether a

new settlement could or should be built.

Thus, if Welsh planning policy is not a problem; if infrastructure need not be a problem; if use of some agricultural land is not a problem (particularly given the large amount allocated in the emerging LDP) and if the High Court judgement is irrelevant, what is the problem in using the Llandow site?

Developing Llandow Newydd would transform a derelict area that has lain waste for the last 60-odd years (which in itself is appalling) and at the same time provide a solution to the 'political' dilemma of where to build new houses.

Rather than apparently overcrowding the existing built-up areas of Barry and Sully, or grossly overdeveloping small rural villages like Ystradowen and Colwinston, why not have a new sustainable settlement on a mainly brownfield site in Llandow?

So the question to the Vale of Glamorgan Council is - WHY NOT?

**Brian Kennard, Colwinston.**

## System of voting needs correcting

**I**N The GEM of May 1, an item headed 'Last chance to register for voting' told us that the deadline for registration was Tuesday, May 6.

It was stated that research showed 44 per cent of people who are not registered mistakenly believe that they are.

Many people believed that if they were registered to pay council tax they were automatically registered to vote. But this was not true.

In my opinion, if this is indeed the case, then there has been mismanagement somewhere along the line, and those concerned are not sufficiently conscientious about the maintenance of democracy.

We are advised to obtain registration by visiting [www.about-my-vote](http://www.about-my-vote)

- but this I cannot do as I have no computer. However, Coun Eric Hacker kindly advised me to telephone the Vale of Glamorgan on 01446 700111, which I did on April 30.

I received my ballot paper and associated documents on the following day and posted the completed ballot form on Friday, May 2.

Let us bear in mind that in these fraught times, voting is not confined to general elections, but also for members of our councils and for the European Parliament - never mind any referendum that may emerge from time to time.

Let us hope that this deplorable situation, highlighted by The GEM will soon be corrected. **Heather Montgomery, Llantwit Major.**

## 'Thaw Valley is wrong location for solar farm'

### TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO OBJECT

**T**HERE is nothing wrong with solar energy - it's part of the Government's plan for the future; however, a proposed 25-acre solar farm at Treguff is simply in the wrong location.

A planning application was turned down twice by the Vale Council because the beautiful and historic Thaw Valley is designated as a 'Special Landscape Area,' which has been evaluated as being of outstanding national importance.

This fact is indisputable and yet once again local residents have to defend a third appeal by the company wishing to go ahead with this construction.

There are many other sites where the solar farm could be located, such as the industrial estate at Llandow, where there would be no

harmful impact on sensitive and historic landscape.

Such unique and valuable countryside must be protected for all to enjoy now and in the future - whether you are a cyclist, a rambler, dog walker or parent concerned for your children's future environment.

Objections to this planning application can be made online at <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/comment> or you can write directly to "The Planning Inspectorate, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ quoting reference APP/Z6950/A/14/22134 00.

The deadline is May 22, so swift action is needed.

It's up to all of us to protect our amenities and we all have a voice. **Paul Steven Flemingstone**

## 'EU's aim is peace and prosperity'

**I**T seems extremely strange that UKIP supporters do not seem to know that the EU was set up to prevent future wars for our grandchildren, and to build prosperity for 27 countries together - since all nations benefit, just like Ireland - from the prosperity of other nations around them.

We all had the opportunity to witness that, until the international bankers destroyed that prosperity, and it needs combined

national control to be certain to prevent that happening to us again.

Do UKIP supporters not notice that, or do they not believe it?

You would have to be a very peculiar person if you really are concerned about the lives of your grandchildren, and deliberately reject the idea of nations working in close harmony - not just about trade - but about banking and foreign affairs with other huge power blocs who dominate the planet. **CN Westernman, Brynna.**

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 22)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
15 Thur	07.29	9.7	19.54	9.9
16 Fri	08.12	9.8	20.33	9.9
17 Sat	08.55	9.8	21.11	10.0
18 Sun	09.41	9.8	22.02	9.7
19 Mon	10.27	9.4	22.53	9.3
20 Tues	11.11	9.0	23.41	8.9
21 Wed			12.11	8.6
22 Thur	00.53	8.5	13.25	8.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.



# 'A BIT SCARY AS I DON'T LIKE HEIGHTS' Barry's 'Miss Vale' plans a skydive and London Marathon



Zoë Hodgkinson the new Miss Vale of Glamorgan.

MISS Vale of Glamorgan hopes to take part in a skydive and run the London Marathon to raise funds for charity during her year in office.

Adventurous Zoë Hodgkinson, aged 17 from Barry, told The GEM: "I'm looking forward to working with the community, attending events and raising money for lots of charities."

Zoë is a former pupil of Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School and will fit in her engagements and fund-raising around her career in hairdressing.

"I'm working at La Zarou brothers, in Penarth doing my level two hair apprenticeship - I hope to

by TIM CHAPMAN

qualify in June and will then go on to do level three."

Zoë won the Miss Vale of Glamorgan title during the recent Miss Wales contest and is preparing for a busy 12 months.

"I was overwhelmed to be crowned Miss Vale of Glamorgan. I'm now looking forward to working with the Vale community."

"I'm keen to support Bobath Children's Therapy Centre which is the Miss Wales charity and would like to raise money for cancer research."

Entering the Miss Wales competition has boosted Zoë's confidence.

"I really enjoyed the

whole experience. I found it such an amazing opportunity and it has given me a lot more confidence.

"I made friends for life and was thrilled to be a part of it."

Earlier this year, Zoë organised an event at the Cadroxton Conservative Club which raised £500 for Bobath.

"I would like to do another charity night as I did in March - but make it even better next time round."

"I am also going to be doing the Cardiff half marathon again this year for charity and I have also entered the ballot for London Marathon 2015. I will find out in October if I'm one of the lucky ones to win a place."

Her most ambitious fund-raiser will involve conquering her fears.

"One great way of supporting charities is doing a skydive and I want to do one later on this year."

"It will be a bit scary as I don't like heights, but I think it will be such a great experience."

## Pupils set for their Tall Ships adventure



### Appeal to garage owners

A BARRY councillor is trying to trace the owners of damaged garages at the rear of Ilminster Close.

Coun Richard Bertin explained: "The garages have been subject to fly tipping in the past, and now somebody has come forward with an interest in taking over these garages."

"If anybody knows the owners of the garages can they please contact me on 01446 736227 or email me at rjbartin@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk."

BARRY Town Mayor, Coun Claire Curtis and Mr Bryan Foley of the Tall Ships Youth Trust, launched the Barry Marine Youth Award to give young residents an opportunity to win a life-changing sailing experience as a member of the crew aboard the tall ship Stavros S Niarchos.

Three winners have been selected by the Town Mayor, Coun Claire Curtis and Mr Bryan Foley of the Tall Ships Youth Trust. They are (left to right): Sasha Atkinson, (13) who attends Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School; Louis Davies (13) of Barry Comprehensive School; and Mabli Evans (14) of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, who are pictured with Coun Curtis.

## PATH CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

PART of the upper footpath on Barry Island's Eastern Promenade is being temporarily closed for repairs.

Visitors can access a detour around the path via the nearby car park during its opening hours. Construction firm WRW said that repairs to the section of pathway, which has begun to move and crack in places, will be completed as soon as possible.

## Sound system gift for church



Nicola Ellis presents Father Ben Andrews at St Cadoc's with the new sound system.

THE Vale Funeral Service has donated a new sound system for St Cadoc's Church, Cadroxton, to give bereaved families a chance to hear their loved one's favourite piece of music and give them a lasting memory.

Local funeral director Nicola Ellis said: "It is a great privilege to be able to provide this for the church and Father Ben Andrews said he greatly appreciated their kind gesture."

## LABOUR SURGERY

LABOUR Vale and town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, May 17 from 10am until 11.30am in the meeting room of Barry Library, King's Square. No appointment necessary.

## Island buildings will be leased

THE former lifeguard building on Barry Island Promenade and the ground floor of the former Tourist Information Centre are to be offered on a lease basis.

Both buildings occupy prime positions at the heart of the Island.

Rob Thomas, director of development services, said: "The Vale Council has invested heavily in the Barry Island area over the last few years, and with the multi-million pound regeneration project drawing to a conclusion, the time is right to seek expressions of interest for these premises."

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## Call goes out to former pupils



Lara and Owen are thanked by club president Tony Stevens.

## Lara tells local Rotarians about work of Teenage Cancer Trust



**THE** May meeting of the Dinas Powys Rotary Club featured guest speaker Lara Cowpe, who spoke about the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Lara, from Dinas Powys, was diagnosed with cancer as a child and had to go through two years of chemotherapy, so knows first hand how important the work of the TCT unit in Cardiff is, and has raised more than £70,000 for the Unit (TCT) at University Hospital of Wales.

Her efforts have already seen her

take part in the Olympic Torch relay in 2012. Lara was joined by friend Owen Young, who is also keen to support the Teenage Cancer Trust a UK-based charity which helps young people aged 13-24 fight cancer.

Six teenagers are diagnosed with cancer every day in the UK and cancer is the most common cause of non-accidental death in this age group.

### New Member

DURING the evening, the club welcomed new member, Mr Jerry Heath, who was proposed by Rotarian Simon Watts.



Mrs Hope's class.

**A REUNION** is like to extend the invitation to the other two classes in our year, those in Mrs Crozier's and Miss Evans classes to join us in the celebration, plus any of the teachers from that time, Mrs Clutton, Mrs Clarke, Miss Wallace who married and is now Mrs Martin, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Thomas the headmistress of the Infant school.

The majority still live in Wales, but one lives in the United States of America, one in Australia and another in Manchester. The majority of the class, and Mrs Hope, have been contacted or are on Facebook but there are a couple who need to be contacted or to make contact.

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like to extend the invitation to the other two classes in our year, those in Mrs Crozier's and Miss Evans classes to join us in the celebration, plus any of the teachers from that time, Mrs Clutton, Mrs Clarke, Miss Wallace who married and is now Mrs Martin, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Thomas the headmistress of the Infant school.

"The reunion is on July 19. Due to the hard work of the present headteacher of Holton Road, Mr Gilbert, we are able to have a tour of the school, where we are hoping to recreate the photograph above, and later that day a party for class mates and family members."

Anyone needing information can contact Mandy on 07989 022648.

## Show raises £6,000

**THE** Wendy Summerell School Of Dance presented a wonderful show of dancing at the Barry Memorial Hall in aid of the Marie Curie Penarth and Ty Hafan hospice when the fantastic sum of £6,000 was raised.

Ross Martinson, an ex-student of Wendy's, flew all the way over from Germany, where he is a professional dancer with the Mainz ballet company, to give a special one off performance, his first performance in Barry since he left Wendy's dance school to train at The Royal Ballet School at age 11.

Wendy, who has been made a life member at the Royal Academy, has a long established school in Barry, with many ex-pupils now in professional dancing and teaching positions, and continues to teach children from age three upwards and adult classes.

## CINEMA GRANT

**MURCHFIELD** Community Association is celebrating after being awarded £4,224 from The BIG Lottery for further acoustic improvements to the hall.

A variety of events now take place at the venue including The Dinas Powys Fringe Festival and The Community Cinema.

Murch Community Cinema will screen *The Railway Man* this Saturday, May 10, which tells the extraordinary true story of Eric Lomax (Colin Firth), a British Army officer who is tormented as a prisoner of war at a Japanese labour camp during World War Two. It also stars Nicole Kidman.

Doors open at 7pm. More details on [www.murchcommunitycinema.bravesites.com](http://www.murchcommunitycinema.bravesites.com) or [www.facebook.com/murchfieldcommunitycinema](http://www.facebook.com/murchfieldcommunitycinema).

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## Pupils shocked at litter left by the public



Our friends from the SCOPE group joined us for tea after their walk.

**RIGHT:** Valeways provided the equipment and arranged the walking routes.

**VALEWAYS** is a volunteer based project for the maintenance, protection, preservation and promotion of public rights of way in the Vale of Glamorgan.

As a part of the personal social development course 'Community Service,' year-10 and 11 students joined forces with the Valeways project on a 'walk and clear' around the surrounding local areas.

We have linked our walks with SCOPE volunteers, who enjoyed



the company of the students and later joined us after the walk for tea and biscuits served by the boys.

The students were amazed at the amount of litter left in an area of such beauty and found it hard to understand how people can just drop litter.

Passers-by were clearly pleased to see the youth of today participating in such a worthwhile community service. The boys were delighted to be praised from locals in attempting to improve their local environment.

We will be continuing our links with the Valeways and hope to offer our services again in helping to protect and preserve our local environment.

Thanks to Mark Rosoman from the Valeways who provided the equipment and arranged the walking routes. We hope to continue the links and participate on a local beach walk and clear in the near future.

Well done to all the boys who took part.

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# CONCERN AT WORK ON LANDMARK BUILDING

**PORThKERRY** Road Methodist Church and hall – a major Barry landmark since 1897 – is going to be converted into 10 residential homes with gardens and parking, writes **TIM CHAPMAN**.

Vale planning councillors gave the go-ahead last Thursday, May 8, subject to a legal agreement and a listed building application being signed.

The development is being undertaken by a Bristol-based company Brownfield Green Ltd.

Some residents in Porthkerry Road have expressed reservations at new developments in what is a traditional red-brick residential area.

The go-ahead won't come as a surprise to one local resident Mrs Debra Saunders.

Prior to the application being heard, she felt consent was a foregone conclusion. At that time she told The GEM: "The company that have bought the property have been working on site. They have a large skip parked in the road and have been removing wood that looks like floor boards from the old school house, and several other fixtures and fittings from the church."

"I have been informed that the planning committee were looking into it, and that indeed no planning consent had been given."



**ABOVE:**

*Porthkerry Road Methodist Church, built in 1897, is going to be transformed into new homes in the coming months.*

"My neighbours and I are all shocked at how work can go ahead before the plans have even gone in front of the committee."

The council did scrutinise the work that was going on.

It told Mrs Saunders that the skip was required for removing rubbish and vegetation (which did not need extra consent) but added that "some works had begun to the floorboards in the main church building" (which needed 'listed building consent').

The council told the developer to stop doing that work.

Following the planning green light, Mrs Saunders told The GEM earlier this week: "It was obvious it was going to go through."

## MONITORED

The Vale's operational manager for development

control, Marcus Goldsworthy, explained that following receipt of a complaint that works were under way without planning permission or listed building consent, council officers began monitoring the site.

"Officers inspected the repair work being carried out on more than one occasion. After the initial visit, officers were satisfied that the majority of the operations would not have required the consent of the council; however, they did advise the applicants to cease one aspect of the work."

"The applicants did so and no further works were undertaken that would have required the permission of the local authority before the application was approved by the planning committee on Thursday, May 8."

Mr Goldsworthy added: "The development of the site

will continue to be monitored, to ensure that the developer does not breach the law in any way."

A spokeswoman for Brownfield Green Ltd said it welcomed being given full planning consent in the committee meeting of the May 8.

"We will be sensitively converting the former Methodist Church on Porthkerry Road. We are keeping the existing buildings with minimal external changes."

"Before the planning permission was granted, our team made a start on pre-commencement works that don't require planning consent (rubbish clearance, vegetation removal, repairs etc), to get the project up and running as swiftly as possible."

"The Vale planning team visited the site to monitor our pre-commencement works. As we have now been granted full planning consent, we will be making a start on the conversion works shortly."

In relation to the work that had to stop, the spokeswoman said: "This just related to an area of floor boards which we were lifting and stacking to one side for treatment and repair of the floor joists (like-for-like repairs to a listed building don't usually require consent)."

"We mutually agreed with the planning officer to cease this work until the committee meeting on May 8, to reassure the concerned local resident."



*The mayor-making ceremony was held at the Memorial Hall and Theatre.*

## Inauguration of the new Mayor of Barry

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## RIGHT:

*Coun Jeff Evans, the new Mayor of Barry Town Council (on left) and the new deputy Mayor Coun Rob Curtis.*

**THE Town Council held its annual meeting and inauguration of the Mayor of Barry on Monday (May 12) in the Memorial Hall & Theatre.**

Coun Jeff Evans was elected as this year's Mayor.

Coun Rob Curtis was elected as the deputy Mayor and his consort will be Coun Claire Curtis, who was last year's Mayor, when Coun Rob Curtis was her consort.

Coun Evans thanked colleagues for electing him. He said the town council

would continue to work in the interests of the town's residents and that he would make it his business to publicise the town's attributes and the work of the council to the many people he will meet during his year in office.

Father Ben Andrews, of St Mary's Church, will act as the Mayor's chaplain and will officiate at the civic service, which will be held on Sunday, September 7 at 3pm.

The new Mayor has nominated ValePlus and The JAM Fund as the charities he will support during his term of office



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## 'Make Memorial Hall Barry's town cinema!' SAYS COUNCILLOR

THE Memorial Hall should become the town's new cinema – at least until a multiplex can be attracted to Barry, a Plaid councillor has urged.

Coun Ian Johnson said: "It is six years since the closure of the old Theatre Royal on Broad Street, which has now become an extra care home for older people, and plans for a new multi-plex cinema on Barry Island have been ended for the time being."

Coun Johnson, whose town centre ward



includes the Memorial Hall, says that the 'Memo' – which already screens children's and arts films – should be supported in showing blockbuster Hollywood films on their release so that Barry can once again

LEFT: Coun Ian Johnson outside the Memorial Hall box office.

have its own cinema.

"Barry is the biggest town in Wales, but since 2008 we haven't had a cinema. Whenever we have asked about a new cinema coming here, the council has talked about bringing a multiplex to Barry Island.

"However, planning permission for the funfair on Barry Island has now been extinguished, so there is no prospect of a new cinema in Barry in the near future," he warned.

"It is expensive to take the family to films in Cardiff, and difficult for many people because of cost and transport. Barry really should have its own cinema and right now, the Memorial Hall is best placed to take up that role."

He went on: "They already show children's and arts films, and it would be great if it could be supported to upgrade and be able to show Hollywood blockbusters on their release."

"It would be a new lease of life for Barry if the Memo was to be our new cinema – at least until we can bring a multiplex to Barry."

## PUPILS HIGHLIGHT PROBLEMS THAT FACE ELDERLY PEOPLE



ABOVE: All Saints Primary School pupils and the Bombastic performers are pictured with the MP.

## Members learn staggering facts about the Galaxy...

AT its May meeting, Sully U3A was taken on a journey through our galaxy by David Powell.

David is an amateur astronomer with over 40 years experience and his talk was entitled 'Birth, Life and Death of the Sun. It happens to stars as well'.

The journey started with Earth then on to the Sun, the planets and other stars and showed where we fitted into this.

With the help of slides, David showed the comparative size of Earth to the Sun and the planets.

He said that when the Sun dies, so will Earth and then where will Man go? Mercury

cannot sustain life, neither can Venus, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, which explains why there are plans to explore Mars. There is a possibility that life could exist there because during the day the temperature is 10 degrees above freezing but at night is 100 degrees below.

Water is locked below the surface of Mars and there are valuable minerals there. However, it would take six to nine months to reach Mars, with all the perils that such a long journey would have.

The statistics were staggering. David explained that the night-time stars appear small because they are so far away and light from them takes 60 years to reach us, and there

are one hundred thousand million stars in our Milky Way Galaxy.

Earth is 93 million miles away from the Sun and it takes eight minutes for its light to reach us.

The Sun is losing mass all the time and at 46 hundred million years old is now middle-aged but, as David assured us, it has another 46 hundred million years to go.

Chairman Gill Mathias thanked him for such an interesting talk and there were many questions from the audience.

Sully U3A meets at 2 pm on the second Thursday of the month in The Old School, Sully when new members are welcome. SC

PUPILS from All Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Barry learned about issues facing older people through a Bombastic performance at the Memo Arts Centre, Barry last week.

Local MP Alun Cairns went to see for himself how difficult social issues were being presented to young people.

The high energy performance forms part of an education package from Bombastic Dance Theatre Company which is supported by the Arts Council and Barry Memo.

"I was glad to hear that several schools in the Vale were able to take part and I hope they all enjoyed the performance as much as I did. This particular performance dealt with dementia and covered some sensitive issues in a way that the children could understand," the MP commented.

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## New Chair's praise for work of the Dinas Powys council

**THE new Chair of Dinas Powys Community Council has hailed its work over the last 12 months.**

Coun Chris Franks, elected chair at the AGM, said: "In the last 12 months, we have seen the construction of the play area on the Common and the exercise machines. Both are very popular and were funded mainly by grants."

"We have submitted comprehensive evidence regarding the Local

Development Plan, highlighting the failure of the Vale to properly address the traffic issues both within Dinas Powys and also on the main road to Cardiff."

The financial resources of the council were very sound and this year they were able to hold the council tax level, in contrast with the Vale's increase. They had received an excellent audit report on financial management.

Coun Keith Hatton was elected the vice chair.

## VALE SCHOOL CRASH TRIAL

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Seven pedestrians, including children and a lollipop lady, were hit and many of them suffered serious injuries.

The lollipop lady, Karin Williams, had a broken kneecap, plus multiple fractures, and was in hospital for 10 weeks.

A girl aged 10 was unconscious for three days, on a life support machine, and is still receiving treatment. A child to school and girl aged five had a

fractured skull and right elbow.

Said Ms Jones: "The facts speak for themselves and a competent driver would not have driven in that way."

His defence, she said, will be one of automatism. She said that one witness saw the driver gripping the wheel hard and shouted: "Warn the kids."

Another woman remembers taking her child to school and ending up in a drive

under a bush. Another witness said: "I saw the car fly past my face". She said she was in total shock and saw her son lying unconscious.

Another said the lollipop lady was "swept along by the car". Another witness said the vehicle "side-swiped" a number of people and saw the lollipop lady underneath the car.

She added "It was all chaos, with parents and children screaming".

One witness overheard Bell say: "Please tell me, was I speeding? Please tell me the truth."

Yet another witness saw a child "cartwheeling through the air".

Another saw a child face down in a pool of blood and believed the child was dead.

The court heard that the car, an Audi convertible, had covered 161,000 miles and had been in a good state of repair.

During a police interview, Bell stated that he was suddenly aware of being upside down in his vehicle. He could not remember colliding with the bollard.

(The case continues).

## Police issue search appeal



LEWIS RICHARDS.

**A SEARCH is continuing for Lewis Jason Richards, who is wanted by Barry Police.**

Police have issued an appeal for information regarding the whereabouts of Richards, who is sought in relation to an allegation of assault, which occurred in Penarth on February 25. The 22-year-old has links with Penarth, Cardiff and the West Midlands.

Anyone with information should telephone Barry Police on 101, or Crimestoppers (free and anonymously) on 0800 555 111.

## Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station update



Stormy Stan at Barry Island

**VOLUNTEER crewman Craig Pedersen qualified as a mechanic recently, and is now able to take charge of maintaining the lifeboat during emergency call outs.**

His colleagues, David Brookes and Marg Gibson, were also successful in training this week as they passed a boat handling course that forms part of their training to be future coxswains.

The lifeboat was called out on Sunday morning at 1.20am to a woman, who was found safe and sound.

On Bank Holiday Monday, education and fundraising volunteers joined sea safety officers and RNLI lifeguards to



Craig Pederson

share the sea safety message with the thousands of visitors.

Every year on Barry Island, children are reported missing, so volunteers were on hand to give out wristbands that have a contact number for parents.

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## HOUSING MARKET: Why is Barry better than Cowbridge?

**JULIA BENHAM, manager of Living Quarters Wales, recalls some recent advice she gave to a client on this question.**

ONE of our landlords recently gave me a call at Living Quarters Wales to enquire about the best area to possibly purchase another property in the Vale of Glamorgan, for his portfolio.

After doing some research on the two main areas he was interested in, I found that he could purchase two properties in Barry and make double the annual rental yield than if he purchased one property in Cowbridge.

The average price of a property in Cowbridge is £388,128, whereas in Barry it's £176,430. The last few months have seen the average rent in Cowbridge to be around

£1,161 but in Barry it's only £552 per month.

This means the annual rental yield/return would be 3.58 per cent if you were to buy a property in Cowbridge, and 3.75 per cent in Barry. Not much difference you think?

However, taking into consideration the higher value and, therefore, higher deposit in Cowbridge, this means that you could purchase two properties in Barry for roughly the same price you could buy one in Cowbridge.

The great thing here is that if you bought two properties in Barry, with two rental yields, you would make 3.75 per cent x 2, giving an annual rental yield for both properties of 7.5 per cent.

This is a great



example of how rental yields can work if you do your due diligence, but of course isn't the only factor to consider when purchasing another property. Capital growth, management and upkeep costs, along with finding good tenants should all be considered, too.

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## 'New' rock stack was visible for 10 years!

LAST week, Ramblers Cymru launched its Big Welsh Walk with a trek from Southerdown along the Wales Coast Path, which is celebrating its second anniversary.

The Walk seeks to encourage as many people as possible to take up walking, as May is 'Love the Welsh Coast Month.'

Angela Charlton, director of Ramblers Cymru, said: "During the Big Welsh Walk we'd like people to head out on walks all around Wales and experience the many benefits walking has to offer."

The coast also hit the headlines after a rock stack was 'discovered' along the coast from Dunraven Bay – despite having been there for almost a decade...

Heritage Coast Principal Ranger, Paul Dunn, remarked: "I was surprised to receive media requests about a newly-discovered stack as the rock formation had been visible for the last ten years!"

**FOOTNOTE: It certainly was not news to The GEM! The picture (right) was taken by photographer GLYN EVANS way back in 2006!**



The 'rock stack', as photographed by Glyn Evans in 2006!

## Police anxious to trace relatives of Heather Potts

South Wales Police are requesting the public's assistance to trace relatives of Heather Potts, who went missing from an address at Hayes Road, Penarth, on February 27, 1975.

She was born on September 16, 1948, to Nancy Potts, an art student living in Thornes Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

No photograph or description is available for Heather, who would now be 65 years old and had connections with the Hull and Bristol areas.

A spokesperson said that South Wales Police investigations to date cannot rule out the possibility that she has been a victim of foul play, due to the length of time since she went missing.

Police are asking any relatives of Heather to contact Detective Inspector Sue Sidford on 01446 731606.

## Mayor signs off charity efforts

THE Vale Mayor, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, recently hosted a 'Grand Meze' charity evening at Izmir, Turkish and Greek restaurant in Barry, which has raised £460 for the Mayor's charities.

The Mayor said: "I would like to thank Ali and the staff at Izmir for making this such an enjoyable and entertaining evening. The food was delicious and the service was excellent."

"This was my last charity event as Mayor and was a really memorable occasion."

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

THE GEM would like to point out that two planning applications published last week should have read as follows:

Mr Andrew Whitley – Birchbrook, Treherhyngyll – Change of use of small parcel of agricultural land to domestic garden within the curtilage of Birchbrook and the erection of two sheds on the land.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Lord – Ty Cerrig, Bonvilston – Change of use to allow the siting of two shepherds' huts and the construction of two wooden cabins to provide holiday accommodation.



ABOVE:  
William Griffin and Huw Boucher.

## Two students are forging a career on ballet stage

TWO students from Moya Vahey's Ballet School in Cowbridge have been celebrating recent successes: William Griffin, (18) from

examination with The Legat Foundation of Russian Classical Ballet.

Huw Boucher, (11) from Penarth, recently won a bronze medal and the Angela Redgrave Trophy at the Bristol Eisteddfod.

Cowbridge, has been accepted to pursue his training with Scotland's Ballet West.

Will has been training for 15 years at the Moya Vahey School and is about to take his advanced ballet

Both of these talented students are following in the footsteps of former pupil, Adam Russell-Jones, who is in his final year at the Royal Ballet School and is due to start his career with the Stuttgart Ballet in September.

## Volunteer driver needed by the library service

STARTING this year, the Vale Council and Barry Town Council will be working in partnership to provide a 'Pop-Up Library' visiting residential homes and sheltered housing complexes in the Barry area.

However, the organisers need to find – and train – a suitable volunteer driver who will assist a member of staff

in loading and unloading a Transit-type van with crates of library books, driving it between stops one day a week and assisting readers at each of the venues.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver with the library service should contact the Vale Volunteer Bureau on 01446 421782, or Andy Griffiths, community outreach officer at Barry Library, on 01446 725381.

## OPEN INVITE

AGE CONNECT Cardiff and Vale are extending a Barry Communities First open invitation to all at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, May 20 (10am-12 midday) with information on groups and classes. Contact 01446 732385 for details.

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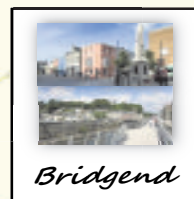
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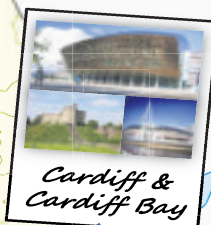
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## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

## Key policy throws light on a taxing problem...

**W**ITH Gary Barlow's tax affairs featuring so prominently in the news this week, tax is back on the agenda.

Residents in Barry and the rest of the Vale of Glamorgan could be forgiven for not noticing a key Government policy that came into effect during April – the rise of an individual's personal allowance to £10,000.

This is the amount you can earn before paying income tax. Though it might not be the headline grabber it should be, it nonetheless will be a welcome relief and a demonstration that we are recovering from the great recession.

Times have been difficult for many since 2008 and the tax cut will be a welcome relief to local people.

I am a strong supporter of lower taxes. They mean people can retain more of the money they earn and are incentivised to work even harder. Low taxes have a major impact in encouraging people back to work because the benefit is more tangible.

This in turn encourages economic activity and can help reduce unemployment further. Lower taxes often lead to a higher level of income to the Treasury.

The impact is real and is having an effect locally. There are 37,468 people in the Vale alone affected positively by this. The policy has lifted 452 local residents out of tax



**Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers**

your car.

A driver who fills up twice a week is saving £728 a year. Naturally, the saving is greater to 'white van' drivers, where the volume of fuel they use is even greater.

These aren't just dry statistics. Thousands of local people in our communities are more financially secure. Families in Barry and the Vale are able to plan with more optimism than just a few years ago.

Times have been tough and there has been a need to develop a long-term plan to get our economy back on track. These tax cuts, are making sure that hardworking people stand to benefit as the economic recovery strengthens.

Stability needs to be provided to those of us who have mortgages, while also protecting the interests of savers, many of whom are pensioners.

Naturally, the local increases in council tax, being one of the highest across the UK is disappointing to say the least and will have had an impact on the benefit of the UK Government's tax cuts.

Council tax is a more regressive tax than income tax – everyone who owns a home or rents a flat dreads the increase in the bill, when it arrives.

Clearly, there is much more that needs to be done, but this is a positive start and the impact is obviously feeding through locally.

*The long-term economic plan needs to be sustained.*

## SHOULD BARRY'S COURT ROAD DEPOT BE A SPORTING CENTRE?

**A BARRY councillor has called on the Vale Council to investigate turning its Court Road depot into an indoor sporting facility, rather than housing.**

Coun Ian Johnson says that the council-owned depot could be a great place for sports facilities to be developed – close to where people live in Barry and complementing the outdoor facilities at Jenner Park next door.

Currently, though, the site has been earmarked for housing in the council's Local Development Plan.

Coun Johnson said: "Located right next to Jenner Park, the Court Road Depot is a large site close to the town centre.

"Although we know that the Vale Council want to leave the site, that is still some time off, which means there is more than enough time to look at whether sports facilities would be better than housing, and for grant funding to be found.

"It is important that we begin to think now about the sort of Barry we want to see in 10 or 15 years' time, so that we can plan and prepare to make Barry better."

## BECOME A LIFE SAVER!

**THE charity Welsh Hearts is holding free one-off training for two hours once a month in a Barry venue!**

A spokeswoman said: "Why not come along – you could help save someone's life one day! The session starts at 6pm and runs to 8pm. It is free.

"After the session, you will be given a certificate. Children 10 years and above are also very welcome to attend with their parents."

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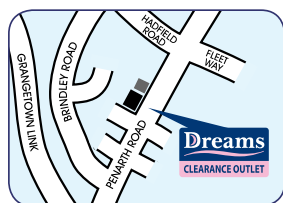


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# '1,000-MILE TREK TO BEGIN IN PENARTH AND END IN BARRY' Freemasons 'Walk Around Wales' is for the Children's Hospital in Cardiff

**FREEMASONS** from all over Wales are undertaking an ambitious relay 'Walk Around Wales' – starting in Penarth on May 25.

The aim is to raise funds for the Noah's Ark Appeal and the relay will take 60 days. The Freemasons want to provide funds to purchase equipment for fitting out the Children's Hospital For Wales in Cardiff.

The distance to be covered is roughly 1,000 miles and the Freemasons hope their efforts will attract publicity, encouraging local support along the route.

The two-month march from Penarth will end in Barry. It will follow an 'anti-clockwise' route along Offa's Dyke to the east, across north Wales, and back down the national coastal path to the west and south.

The organiser is Paul Haley, well known in the Vale as the chairman of Pride in Barry.

He explained: "We aim to arrive back on July 26 to a

by GEM  
REPORTER

'Welcome Home' summer garden party, with all participants and their supporters at Barry Rugby Club.

"The walk is being completed by the Freemason community of south Wales and at least 25 lodges are taking part.

"They will pass a 'travelling gavel' as a kind of relay baton, which will complete the whole route.

"They will be involving all the Freemason community around Wales and hope they will turn up on route, and raise sponsorship. The target is £12,000.

"We will be setting off during the National Walking Month of May and will also help celebrate the second anniversary of the Wales Coastal Path.

"We welcome anyone who might wish to join us en route,

and give us a wave and a cheer on our journey. We are extremely grateful to anyone who wishes to make a donation for the Children's Hospital For Wales."

"We are really keen to help this very worthy charity establish a world-class Children's Hospital For Wales, which will benefit children and families and make a positive difference to their lives.

"I'm delighted at the response from the Freemasonry community, the second largest donor to charities in the UK."

A Just Giving webpage has been established to encourage donations: [www.justgiving.com/walk-around-wales](http://www.justgiving.com/walk-around-wales).

People can follow the progress around Wales through social media, such as Facebook [www.facebook.com/Services7139](http://www.facebook.com/Services7139) and a Twitter account @services7139 and using the hashtag #circlecymru.

In all, 23 lodges across Wales are taking part.

## Make a Will and support Ty Hafan

**SOLICITORS** across south Wales are taking part in Ty Hafan's Write a Will campaign to encourage the public to leave a lasting legacy to the charity.

Between May 12-23, 32 firms are offering their services free of charge, in exchange for a donation to Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives.

For more information, visit [www.tyhafan.org/will50](http://www.tyhafan.org/will50) or call 029 2053 2255.

## Real estate group buys Llantrisant property for £7.8m

**THE** property occupied by British Airways Avionic Engineering (BAAE) in Llantrisant has been sold to Karlin Real Estate for £7.8 million.

DTZ acted on behalf of the vendor, BA Llantrisant Ltd, in negotiating the sale of the 111,000 sq ft building, which sits on a site of some 12.5 acres.

The entire site and buildings are let to BAAE Ltd for the remaining term of five years of a lease which originally involved the Welsh Government in 1994.

British Airways uses this BAAE facility to provide a one-stop solution for the repair and maintenance of a range of electrical aircraft

components.

In addition, BAAE also carries out repair and maintenance work for a number of other airlines.

Andrew Gibson, associate director at DTZ, said: "We are delighted to have executed the disposal strategy for our client on this asset in such a timely manner."

"The asset created significant interest from a wide range of investors, both UK and overseas, which culminated in a very competitive bidding process. The resultant pricing demonstrated strong appetite for shorter income in assets where tenants appear to be fully embedded."

Karlin Real Estate was represented by James Mason and Gareth Lloyd of Knight Frank.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthowl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've



done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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## Two Blue Flags for Porthcawl beaches

REST BAY and Trecco Bay, Porthcawl, scooped coveted Blue Flags when 65 Welsh beaches were ranked among the best in the UK in Keep Wales Tidy's Coastal Awards 2014.

This year, 34 beaches across Wales were awarded the Blue Flag and 31 obtained the Green Coast Award after being judged on a national and international level.

No Vale of Glamorgan beaches were listed in the award ceremony hosted by Keep Wales Tidy at New Quay Yacht Club in Ceredigion on May 1, where the awards were presented by Andy Middleton of Natural Resources Wales.

## Rugby, street dance, and a trip to Amelia Trust farm



Youngsters enjoy their day out to the Amelia Trust farm.

A TOTAL of 52 children and young people from Barry enjoyed two separate three-day Easter camps, led by Barry Communities First,

in partnership with Vale sports development, at Oak Field and at Cadoxton Primary. Focusing on healthy living and increasing participation in exercise, they took

part in a range of sports from rugby to street dance, as well as attending the Amelia Trust farm, where they learned about food production and animal care.

A spokeswoman said: "It was great to see so many children having such a positive attitude towards physical activity, especially those who don't regularly participate in sports clubs."

"The feedback was great from the Amelia Trust Farm visits too – they especially liked retrieving the eggs from the hen coop!" she reported.

## A happy 40th anniversary!

THE ladies section at Barry West End Club celebrated their 40th anniversary at the Mount Sorrel Hotel – and also received a gift to commemorate the occasion.

They meet every Tuesday evening at West End Club, St Nicholas Road, with auctions, table sales, quizzes and outings. The many fundraising events enables the group to send donations to four charities.

"We are a happy, friendly group each looking out for each other, but without our hardworking committee, this would not be possible," said chairperson Barbara Warburton.

"I would like to thank everyone for their friendship and support during the time I have held office. Here's to many more years together."

## YFC celebrate their success in Blackpool!

THE annual general meeting and convention for the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs took place in Blackpool between May 9 – 11.

The usual formalities took place, along with various activities and competitions over the weekend, summing up the previous year and setting in motion the year ahead.

Glamorgan YFC members were very successful in representing the county and Wales in the choir competition, which saw them beat off all the competition and lift the silverware for first place.

The disco dancers grooved their way into third place and the 'senior member of the year' competition saw Lowri Davies (Neath YFC) achieve fourth place.

Congratulations to all competitors on representing their club, county, and Wales itself, which is a great accolade and a huge achievement.

Next on the calendar is the annual county rally day which will take place on Saturday, May 24, at the Pencoe campus of Bridgend College. The

day consists of a variety of competitions, including arts and craft; cooking; stage performances; woodwork; and tractor bale handling plus many more.

The seven Glamorgan clubs will battle it out to see who will lift the Rally Cup. In the evening, a dance will be held at Skewen RFC, doors open 8pm.

The event is open to the public and we would welcome anyone who would like to come along and experience the day for themselves.

As part of the celebrations for the county's 75th year, there is a summer social event taking place on Friday, June 13, at Cefn Cribwr RFC. Tickets are available now priced at £10 per person, which includes food.

For further information about Glamorgan FYFC please do not hesitate to visit [www.glamorgan.btc.co.uk](http://www.glamorgan.btc.co.uk); tweet us @GlamorganYFC; or take a look at our Facebook page Glamorgan YFC. Alternatively you can email [glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk](mailto:glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk) HANNAH LEWIS



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# 'I do not believe the failings are widespread throughout Wales' – Minister HOSPITAL REVIEW SLAMS CARE OFFERED AT LOCAL HOSPITALS

**A REPORT into the standards of treatment received by older people at the Princess of Wales, Bridgend, and Neath Port Talbot Hospitals, has made a series of damning criticisms.**

As a result, Mark

Drakeford, the Minister for Health and Social Services, has offered an "unreserved apology".

Late in 2012, the report was commissioned by the Minister and Professor June Andrews, and Mark Butler handed the report, entitled 'Trusted to Care', to the Welsh Government on May 6.

Mr Drakeford announced that he was publishing the report in full, saying: "This report does not make easy reading; it will be particularly difficult for all concerned with the care of older people in these hospitals."

"The report will be difficult for patients and their families, too. As the Minister for Health and Social Services in Wales, I want to offer my unreserved apology to those individuals and families whose care has fallen so far short of what they would expect while being looked after in these two hospitals."

"I have been shocked by some of what I have read in this report. I am determined that nothing of this sort will be tolerated in Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board or, indeed, anywhere else in Wales in the future."

The only crumb of comfort for the Minister

## REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

was the report's conclusion that "...what has happened in these hospitals is not, and never has been, the same as that at the Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust in England".

However, Andrew RT Davies AM, the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, was scathing in his criticism.

He said: "If a patient describes her experience as 'hell' – it is clear that all processes and systems have dramatically collapsed."

"I am both distressed and dismayed to read the evidence published and my heart goes out to those patients and their families who have suffered unnecessarily."

"All the report's recommendations must be implemented immediately and the Labour Minister's apology made personally to the victims of these failings."

"Labour's legacy of NHS budget cuts has heaped immense pressure on frontline services. I fear this has contributed much to what has gone wrong at ABMU."

"A Wales-wide Keogh-style public inquiry is the only way to wholly guarantee that this situation is not being repeated elsewhere in Wales."

### The report listed a series of failings:

- Variable or poor professional behaviour and practice in the care of frail older people.

- Deficiencies in elements of a culture of care based on proper respect and involvement of patients and relatives.

- Unacceptable limitations in essential 24/7 services leading to unnecessary delay to treatment and care.

- Lack of suitably qualified, educated and motivated staff,

particularly at night.

- Adversarial and slow complaints management.

- Disconnection between front-line staff and managers and confusion over leadership responsibilities and accountabilities.

The report also says some staff felt ill-equipped to meet the needs of patients with dementia.

The Welsh Liberal Democrat AM for South Wales West, Peter Black, claimed that the report justifies the campaign run by relatives for a full public inquiry into ABMU Health Board.

He said: "I am clear that overall the standard of care in ABMU hospitals is high but the report shows how overworked, ill-equipped and poorly supervised staff have let down a minority of patients."

"This report will leave a large number of relatives, whose complaints date to before the three-year review period, still dissatisfied and without closure."

"I will be seeking

assurances from the Minister that there will be robust monitoring and an open review of the recommendations in this report and how they will be implemented."

"I also want to see a further process that will look at historic complaints not covered by this report."

Speaking on the day the report was published, Mr Drakeford said that he had ordered an immediate review of the care of elderly patients at Welsh hospitals.

### He has also ordered the following:

- Immediate improvements to standards of care at Princess of Wales and Neath Port Talbot hospitals.

- A series of unannounced spot checks by a ministerial team of experts to check standards of care for elderly patients at district general hospitals in Wales.

The spot checks will focus on the delivery of medication, hydration, night time sedation and

continence care.

This work will be overseen by Prof June Andrews and Sir Ian Carruthers, who has held a number of senior roles in the NHS, including chief executive of NHS South of England.

- A new task group, including the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Nursing Officer, will lead the operation of the spot checks and report back to the Health Minister.

Mark Drakeford added: "I do not believe the failings outlined in this report are widespread in hospitals throughout Wales. But I am instigating a series of special spot checks in hospitals across the country to test standards of care and reassure patients."

"Let me be clear, while finding many areas of concern, the report also highlights what it describes as exemplary areas of care at both hospitals."

## Fairground operator in court after toddler falls through gap

**A PORTHCAWL fairground ride operator has been fined after a two-year-old boy fell through a gap in a perimeter fence.**

The toddler, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, was with his family at Coney Beach on March 25, 2012 and had just got off the 'Red Baron' plane ride operated by C Patrick Evans Entertainments Ltd, when the incident happened.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigated and prosecuted the company for safety breaches at Bridgend Magistrates' Court.

The court heard on May 12 how panels had been removed from the safety fence around the ride so they could be painted. The boy was walking away from the ride, when he fell around four feet through one of the gaps, injuring his face and head.

He was kept in hospital for 24 hours for observation, but sustained no long-term injuries.

C Patrick Evans Entertainments Ltd, of Coney Beach, Porthcawl, was fined £2,500 and ordered to pay £7,900 in costs after pleading guilty to breaching section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE Inspector Catherine Toozer said: "Fairground rides are large, complex machines which have the power to seriously injure, or even cause death, if not managed properly. It is utterly vital that those in control make sure fencing is up to the job of keeping children, and others who may not appreciate the risks, away from them when running."

"The ride owner has a duty to ensure that all fencing provided is maintained and kept in an efficient state of repair at all times."

**Pontyclun concert**  
MAY 23 will see the annual concert of Pontyclun Ladies Choir/Cor Merched Pontyclun at All Hallows Catholic Church, Miskin at 7.30pm.

This year baritone soloist, Dyfed Wyn Evans, will entertain, as will soprano, Maebh Pryor.

Adding to the entertainment is the award-winning Bridgend Male Choir, which will compete in the Llangollen International Eisteddfod this summer.

Tickets are £7 (£5 concessions) and are available at the venue, immediately prior to the concert from Gareth Reese (BMC) 07773

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170373, or members of both choirs.

**Life drawing**  
WITH the assistance of VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists)

and MIND a series of life drawing sessions will take place at the Travellers Gallery on Barry town railway station, beginning on June 4 from 1pm – 3pm.

**AM surgery**  
ELUNED Parrott, AM for South Wales Central, will be holding an advice surgery on Friday, May 16 at Tesco Superstore, Terra Nova Way, Penarth, CF64 1SA, between 1pm and 2pm.

Residents who have

any issues of concern to them or their local community are encouraged to come along – no appointment is necessary.

**PACT meetings**  
BUTTRILLS PACT at Barry Library, Kings Square, Barry, on Thursday, May 15 at 6.30pm.

Please note a change to the COURT PACT which will be held at The YMCA, Court Road, Barry, on Thursday, May 15 at 7pm.

**Vale PACT**  
COFFEE and Chat meeting at The Green Dragon, Llanccadle on Tuesday, May 20 at 11am.

## 'Lack of fracking guidance' angers Welsh Tory leader

**THE leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies AM, has accused the Welsh Government of avoiding giving clear guidance to Welsh local authorities facing applications that could involve fracking.**

Mr Davies' anger was sparked when Labour AMs voted down an amendment in an Assembly debate calling for 'new technical advice for hydraulic fracturing' – better known as fracking.

It is a call that the Welsh Conservative Leader made some time ago, and he says that the Vale offers a prime example of the need for one.

He said: "My own local authority, the Vale Council, was recently forced to pay legal costs after their decision to reject an application for test drilling in the Vale was reversed on appeal."

"Issuing new technical advice from the Welsh Government would have been welcomed by local authorities, who are not currently clear how to handle these applications. There has been a lack of consistency throughout Wales and some

authorities have faced costly legal challenges."

"New advice would have addressed this issue and led to clear and concise guidance on how to deal with future applications. Frankly, this is a wasted opportunity and I am extremely disappointed that Labour are refusing to take responsibility for an issue of clear national interest."

"It is exceptionally disappointing that the Vale AM, Jane Hutt,

voted with her Labour colleagues to block national guidance on fracking, particularly given the experience of her own local council."

**Jane Hutt AM responded:** "The Welsh Government already has a precautionary approach towards fracking, with relevant safeguards to protect communities and the environment – which will continue to be reviewed to ensure it achieves these aims."

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## Vale transport funding welcomed

**THE Vale AM Jane Hutt welcomed this week's announcement by Transport Minister Edwina Hart AM, that the Vale will receive funding from the Local Transport Fund.**

The council has been offered funding to the value of £181,749 for 2014/15 to deliver the following schemes: Active Travel Mapping £14,000; and NCN88 Porthkerry Phase 2 £167,749 – completion of dedicated pedestrian and cycling facilities along Rhooose-Cardiff Airport corridor.

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# Out and About with The GEM

## Violin virtuoso is local music festival patron

**COWBRIDGE** Music Festival took another step towards becoming one of the most prestigious musical events in Wales, with the announcement that celebrated violinist Nicola Benedetti is to be its patron.

Launched in 2010, the festival is now firmly established on the musical scene, drawing famous names to Cowbridge and the Vale every September for a fortnight of first class music.

Nicola Benedetti's association with the festival began in



Violinist Nicola Benedetti.

2011 when she gave an unforgettable recital with her pianist, Alexei Grynyuk.

As one of the most talented musicians of her generation and a passionate ambassador for music, particularly as a means of enriching the lives of young people, Nicola was the number

one choice as patron for the festival.

Cowbridge Music Festival shares her aim to give children opportunities in music and to nurture young talent. The highly-regarded educational work that she does in her native Scotland and around the world, provides an inspirational example of what can be achieved.

Plans are underway for Nicola Benedetti's return to the festival as performer in the near future. Meanwhile, this year's festival runs from September 10 - 20 with another great line-up of international musicians.

MARY ELLIOTT

**Circus returns** CIRCUS MONDAO is back on Porthcawl's Coney Beach car park FocusBARRY are meeting at the West End Club on Friday evening, May 16 at 7pm, when the public are welcome to meet other Barry people who take an interest in what's happening in the town.

A representative of the Ocean Watersports Trust will talk about plans to create a water activities centre at the number one dock.

### Garden party

THE Cowbridge Marie Curie fundraising group is holding a party in the Cowbridge Physic Garden on May 16 at 6.30pm - 8.30pm; tickets, priced £15, (to include canapés and a glass of champagne) are available from Davies the Newsagent and David Barnes Dry Cleaners.

**Llangan fair** LLANGAN Primary School May Fair takes place on May 17 (12.30 - 3.30pm) with guest appearance from Olympic medalist Jenny Jones. Raffle, barbecue,

refreshments, bouncy castle, games and face painting.

**Class of '58 at Barry RFC** THIS Saturday (May 17), it is live band night at Barry RFC, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry.

The highlight of a 1950s inspired evening is 'The Class of '58', one of the most versatile, hardworking, bands on the rock 'n' roll scene today.

Tickets are £5. Contact Rachel on 07889 742153 for tickets or pay on the door.

### Classic cars

THE South Wales branch of the Morris Minor Owners Club is holding its annual show at the Museum of Welsh Life, St Fagans, on Sunday, May 18 from 10am-5pm. Admission is free for classic car entrants.

### Rugby

**turnaround** ON Sunday, May 18 at 5pm, former rugby player Chris Jones will be speaking at Cowbridge's Duke of Wellington function room.

The only person in the history of Welsh rugby to be banned for life not once, but twice,

he is now head coach of the Rhondda School Rugby Union, and has overseen a startling transformation in RSRU fortunes. Rhondda - once the whipping boys of Welsh Schools rugby - is now seen as Wales' strongest schools rugby district!

For further information, contact Neil Harvey on 07870168154.

### Valeways walks

ON Sunday, May 18 at 2pm, 'Up the Ely without a paddle', starting at Cogan railway station car park.

On Wednesday, May 21 at 10.30am, 'Garden and views', starting at Southerndown top car park. Fee payable.

Also on May 21 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

On Thursday, May 22 at 10am, 'A castle in the woods', starting at Cowbridge town hall car park.

**Art society** ON Thursday, May 22, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Gwent artist Mary Edwards who will give a presentation of her work and

describe some of her sources of inspiration and working methods. See

[www.maryedwardspaintings.co.uk](http://www.maryedwardspaintings.co.uk) and [www.greenstagegallery.co.uk](http://www.greenstagegallery.co.uk).

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge 7pm - 9pm and visitors and new members are welcome. For details of activities, see [www.cowbridgeartsociety.org.uk](http://www.cowbridgeartsociety.org.uk).

y.com.

**Family service** ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a family service on May 25 at 10am.

There will be worship items suitable for all ages focused on the story of Daniel and the lion's den. Creche facilities.

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## Local company lends four-wheel support to Ty Hafan charity!

**RIGHT:** Gareth Howells hands Mair Jeffreys, a representative from Ty Hafan, the keys for the Nissan Juke the charity will use during its Midnight Walk on Friday, May 16.

A CHARITY in Sully has been provided with some four-wheeled support for a fundraising event taking place tomorrow (Friday, May 16).

Ty Hafan will use a Nissan Juke from Wessex Garages in Cardiff to lead the way during its Midnight Walk.

Gareth Howells, general manager at the dealership on Hadfield Road, said: "We are really pleased we have been able to help Ty Hafan, which is our charity of the year."

"The Ty Hafan Midnight Sleep Walk is



an annual fundraiser for the charity. This year, the theme of the walk is neon and every walker will wear flashing neon headwear and glow in the dark jewellery. We wish everyone taking part in the event the best of luck."

Gareth said: "Ty Hafan is also organising a 'Spot the #midnightmotor' competition to give people a chance to win two free Midnight Sleep

Walk places and a rugby ball signed by Leigh Halfpenny."

"To enter, anyone who sees the Juke out and about before May 16 should take a photo of it and send it with a tweet to @tyhafan with the location they saw the vehicle and the #midnightmotor hashtag."

"For more details, people should visit <http://bit.ly/1g8cgnZ>," he added.

## These 'Bad Neighbours' are actually pretty good!

**I**T wasn't so long ago that Seth Rogen was the archetypal rowdy young slacker in films like *Knocked Up* and *The 40 Year Old Virgin*, among others.

It's a sign of the passing of time (and one way to make this columnist feel incredibly old) that in his new film, *Bad Neighbours*, Rogen plays a husband and father, arguably the type he was railing against seemingly only yesterday.

He plays Mac, who along with his wife Kelly (Rose Byrne) and young daughter, are excited to find out who will become their new neighbours.

Their excitement turns to trepidation, however, when the house is bought by a fraternity, led by Zac Efron's Teddy. An uneasy alliance between the two houses is destroyed when Mac calls the police one night, and when the fraternity takes its revenge, the gloves are off for the couple...

The 'frat comedy' is a staple part of the genre, with films from *Animal House* to *Van Wilder* playing on the hijinks of students.

*Bad Neighbours* is a film that upholds this tradition with aplomb, a diverting and enjoyable effort that makes no attempt to rewrite the rulebook, but does what it has to with a degree of style and laughs.

Director Nicholas Stoller (*Forgetting Sarah Marshall*) is becoming the go-to guy for comedies, and he helms this effort well; the direction involves little more than pointing the camera at the actors and letting them get on with proceedings, but Stoller injects a visual

fizz to proceedings, a debauched house party in particular being shot with a keen eye by the director. His main job seems to be cajoling his cast into delivering strong turns, a feat that he achieves, drawing particularly good performances from both Seth Rogen and, surprisingly, Zac Efron.

The former is an established comedic performer, and while playing the wiser head here, his shaggy, laidback persona is more than present and correct, albeit with a slice of parental responsibility.

If you like Rogen's work then you'll find little to fault here, the actor delivers plenty of laughs as he is driven past the point of exasperation by his unruly neighbours.

The more surprising turn is that of Efron, the former teen idol having floundered a little in the post-*High School Musical* world. However, he appears to have found his niche here, delivering a pleasantly amusing turn as Rogen's nemesis and holding his own opposite his more experienced co-star.

Alongside the pair are fine turns from Rose Byrne, who is a contender to dethrone Kirsten Wiig as my own particular queen of comedy and who, like Efron, manages to keep up with Rogen; the pair



by **GARETH JAMIESON**  
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share an onscreen chemistry that works beautifully, while Dave Franco as Efron's right-hand man also shines, the pair both giving as good as they get.

The screenplay earns

more than its share of laughs, and unspools at a pleasing pace, with the humour running the gamut from near gross-out to left-field without skipping a beat.

The character development is near non-existent, but while for some films this would be a massive black mark, here it matters not; the characters are purely here to entertain and not undergo a transformation.

This is most notable in Efron's character, a lazy student unengaged by academia who usually would be likely to see the error of his partying ways come the credits, but the writers, keen to avoid falling into the trap so many comedies find themselves in, of dropping the gag rate in favour of emotional resolution, leave him

untouched.

While you're unlikely to find *Bad Neighbours* lingering in your synapses for more than a few days, as a comedy it's of a particularly strong vintage; good direction, strong performances and a witty script all add up to a satisfying viewing experience.

**VERDICT** - Hitting the mark with its gag rate, *Bad Neighbours* is one of the better comedies in recent memory.

Lit up by a raft of strong turns, from Seth Rogen and Zac Efron to Rose Byrne and Dave Franco, and Nicholas Stoller's quirky direction, these Neighbours are more good than Bad! Recommended.

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Alison Jennings has been practicing yoga since her teens. She has led meditation groups in California and developed her yoga practice in Hawaii, Thailand and Costa Rica.

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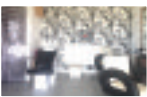
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If you are experienced in Pilates, there are intermediate classes, too, which are held at St Nicholas Hall and St Francis Millennium Centre, in Barry.

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Sharon can be contacted on 07830 085606, or see www.barrypilates.co.uk.

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Members of the Llantwit Major Slimming World group have spring-cleaned their closets and are donating the clothes that no longer fit their new slimline figures to their local Cancer Research UK shop.

Helen, who runs the groups, said: "Members were delighted to get behind the cause and jumped at the chance to recycle their old tops, dresses, trousers, skirts and more."

The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw is a nationwide fundraising drive that sees Slimming World members across the UK donating clothes to Cancer Research UK, Slimming World's charity partner for 2014.

Each bag of clothes collected could raise up to £25 and we managed to

donate 25 bags! Last year, we raised over £1 million pounds and we would love to beat that this year.

Helen explained: "Lots of people have dropped down clothes sizes and their wardrobes are full of clothes that are too big and baggy now. And they're happy to give them away because they know that they're never going to need them again!"

"Our Food Optimising plan isn't a diet that members follow for a little while and then 'come off' when they've reached their target weight."

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Anyone who would like to slim down like these generous Slimming World members, is welcome at the group at Catholic Church, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major on Tuesdays at 9.30am, 5.30pm or 7.30pm.

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### Abnormal load warning

**MOTORISTS** are being warned of an abnormal load that is likely to cause congestion when it is transported from Bridgend to Barry on Sunday, May 18.

The very large load is moving on Sunday from Vessco on Bridgend Industrial Estate to Barry Docks. The load is scheduled to leave Bridgend at 6am and is expected to take several hours to reach its destination.

The vessel, which is 15'2" wide and 19'1" long and weighs 170 tons, is too high to use the M4 or Cowbridge bypass and will need to travel through Cowbridge town centre. The route for the abnormal load will be:

- From Vessco, Bridgend Industrial Estate down A473 to Waterton roundabout in Bridgend;
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- Travel through contraflow on A48 and head down A4222 Darren Hill;
- Travel through

Cowbridge town centre;

- Continue along A48;
- Turn right onto A4226 Five Mile Lane;
- Turn left A4050;
- Take A4231 on to Barry Docks Link Road;
- A4055 on to Ffordd y Mileniwm;
- Turn left onto Wimbourne Road.
- Arrive at Barry Docks.

The load will have a full police escort throughout its journey, however South Wales Police have advised the public to allow extra time for their journey or to avoid the area altogether.

A South Wales Police spokesperson said: "Due to the size of this abnormal load it will be slow moving and will have the potential to create congestion."

"It is hoped that by starting early on Sunday it will cause the least disruption to the travelling public; however, we are asking motorists to please be patient if they come across this load during their journey."

### Fun day at Fonmon

**THE** third South Wales Dog and Family Fun Day on Bank Holiday Monday, May 26, at Fonmon Castle Showground promises to be a fabulous fun day out for the whole family!

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### Join the great charity bake off!

**A LOCAL** hotel group is putting on a charity bake off competition to raise funds for Velindre Hospital.

Town and Country Hotels, which owns the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge, are long-time supporters of Velindre and, in September, owner Julian Hitchcock and his team – the 'Bear Back Riders' – will be cycling hundreds of miles on the east coast of America in another fundraising challenge.

However, on June 19, from 9.30am to 12 noon in the Bear Hotel's St Quentin's Suite, the bake off challenge will be less physical – but possibly even more competitive!

Cakes need to be on site by 9.30am, with judging starting at 10.15am.

Bakers from around the Vale will be welcomed, and each person must pay £5 to enter – with all the

money going to Velindre.

There are three categories: Victoria sandwich with raspberry jam; three decorated cup cakes; favourite loaf cake.

The judges will be Kath Mephram of the W1, TV chef Dudley Newbury and a representative from The Glamorgan GEM.

The star prize will be a £100 gift voucher for Town and Country Hotels. Also offered as prizes are a family day out at Trecco Bay Holiday Park, and a round of golf for two at Cottrell Park.

Entries should be submitted to [bakeoff@townandcountryhotels.co.uk](mailto:bakeoff@townandcountryhotels.co.uk)

The event is being supported by The Glamorgan GEM, W1, Dudley Newbury, Crystal Print and Design, ALS Photography, Parkdean Trecco Bay, and Cottrell Park Golf Club.

### Barry police in charity match!

**HMS DRAGON**, a Type 45 destroyer, will arrive in Cardiff tomorrow for five days as the 152m ship looks to build on the already strong bond with the area.

One of six advanced Type 45 destroyers in the fleet, the ship will receive the Freedom of the City of Cardiff, on Sunday, May 18 outside City Hall at 11am, before the ship's company parade through the streets.

Before this the ship's football team will take the field against a team made up of police officers from Barry on the Colcot sports grounds, at 10.30am on Saturday morning (May 17).

Detective Sergeant Michael George from Barry police station said: "We are delighted to welcome the team from HMS Dragon to Barry, a town with a great seafaring tradition, and I hope that lots of people

will be able to come along and support both teams."

"I am sure we will be put through our paces on Saturday, with the average ages of the ship's team being some 20 years younger than our own. I hope experience will tell at the final whistle."

"We will be supporting the Watts Foundation, a charity chosen by the ship's crew and we are also grateful to the management of The Wenvoe Arms, who have given their support to the event."

### DIABETES TALK

**THE** Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group will meet on Tuesday, May 20 in the boardroom, Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm – 9pm, when the speaker will be Professor Colin Dayan – 'New Treatments'. All welcome.

## The Life and Times of a Liberated Woman

BY NANCY DAVIDGE, PART 9

**WHEN** my six-year-old grandson came from London to live with my husband and I, he attended Llangan school and then Cowbridge Comprehensive.

I attended a meeting at the school for the introduction of the new headteacher, Mr Gwyn James. I asked if grandparents were eligible to join the PTA.

The answer was yes, and my involvement continued for many years after my grandson left the school, to further his education. He eventually gained a 2.1 degree with honours at Nottingham University.

His work has taken him to Dubai and for many years in Moscow, where he and a friend had their own business, eventually selling to an international company.

He is still working for them and continues to visit Moscow and several east European countries.

Gary is married to Walkiria who he met in Moscow when she was attached to the Mexican embassy. They have three beautiful daughters and they live in a Vale village.

Their wedding, which took place in Cancun, was attended by friends from many parts of the world.

I have had so many wonderful experiences and met so many people of different cultures that I must write a book one day and give more of an insight into the nitty-gritty part of my life!

In the meantime, my thanks to Don John, the GEM Editor, and General Manager Caroline for giving me space to give an outline of my life.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Your local correspondent is **NANCY DAVIDGE** "Tynewydd", Llangan (01656) 860303  
**TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL**



**Reminder!** THIS will be a busy weekend for the folk of Llangan and local villagers – on Saturday morning, May 17 you can go along to St Canna's, Llangan and enjoy a cup of coffee with friends and neighbours.

There will be home-made cakes to buy and lovely prizes to be won. From 10am to 12pm on the same morning, Llangan Primary School will be holding their May Fayre, which will begin at 12.30pm.

It is promising to be more entertaining, with

new attractions, but still keeping the old favourites.

Special guest this year is Olympic medallist Jenny Jones. All we can hope for is that the rain will keep away!

**Service** A SERVICE will be held in Saron Chapel, Treoes on Sunday, May 18 at 3pm, conducted by Rev Bill Jones. Everyone is welcome.

**Unsightly** NOTHING seems to be progressing since the uprooting of the trees and bushes at the former garden centre, which has become an eyesore, with a massive mound of what appears to be sawdust.



Our GEM Facebook winner for May 8, 2014 is:

**Stephanie Williams**

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## How Lions are helping charities...

**THE Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club is now the only Lions Club in the Vale and represents not only Llantwit Major and Cowbridge but also Rhose, Penarth and Barry.**

It has been continuing fundraising activities in support of the local community and Lions International projects in poorer parts of the world.

Earlier in the year, members supported the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal by collecting at Tesco in Talbot Green. Thanks to the generosity of local people Marie Curie will be able to provide more free local nursing care to terminally ill patients in their own homes locally and Marie Curie hospices such as the one in Penarth.

The Great Daffodil Appeal has huge public support and has raised more than £70 million since 1986. Marie Curie Cancer Care chose Lions Clubs British Isles and Ireland to be its first official partner for the Great Daffodil Appeal last year to help raise an additional £1 million.

The club's welfare officer, Liz Evans, had the idea of staging a tea dance in Llantwit Major

for the benefit of older members of the community. The event, at the end of March, was very successful and the intention is to do it again next year.

A second hand book sale was held in Llantwit Major in April and another will take place outside Waitrose in Cowbridge on Saturday, May 24. If you have any good quality books or DVD's that you would like to donate please leave a message on 0845 833 6763 and someone will collect.

Alternatively you can make contact via [www.lmandclions.org.uk](http://www.lmandclions.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/lmandclions](http://www.facebook.com/lmandclions) or [Twitter:@lmandclions](mailto:Twitter:@lmandclions).

### SUMMER FAYRE

The club's biggest event of the year will be the Llantwit Major summer fayre which is being held on the Rugby Field on Saturday, June 21. This event is held every two years but this year it will be bigger and better than ever with the active support and involvement of the Llantwit Major Events Group, who staged last year's Victorian Fair Day and the Christmas Lights event.

There will be entertainment by local performers throughout the day, a variety of stalls, fun fair rides, a bouncy castle, the Lions

famous ring-a-bell, children's fun races, terrier racing and more – a great family day out, just as the Lions May Fair in Cowbridge was last year.

Much of the money raised by the Lions Club is used to support local people in need and to support local young people in their development but some of it goes to support vital Lions Clubs International Foundation projects.

Through their network of 1.3 million members in 44,000 clubs throughout the world, Lions are well placed to ensure that money raised gets to where it is needed.

In addition, all Lions are volunteers with admin costs covered by their subscriptions.

One example of the international projects is the work to eliminate river blindness in South America and Africa in partnership with ex-President Jimmy Carter's Carter Center. Carter is a longstanding Lion.

By the dedicated work of Lions and others on the ground, river blindness has been eliminated in Colombia, is on the way to being eliminated in the rest of South America and progress is being made in African countries such as Uganda.

The mission statement of Lions Clubs International is, "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs."

This year, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club has expanded membership with the addition of two new members, Nicola Thomas from Cowbridge

and David Watson from Llantwit Major.

If you are interested in helping and live anywhere in the Vale, please make contact 0845 833 6763; [www.lmandclions.org.uk](http://www.lmandclions.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/lmandclions](http://www.facebook.com/lmandclions) or [Twitter:@lmandclions](mailto:Twitter:@lmandclions).

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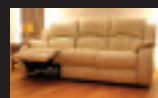
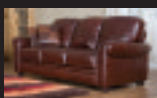
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## 'Pedal for Parkinson's'

**KEEN cyclists are being urged to get on their bikes – and 'Pedal for Parkinson's', on a one-day cycle ride in Cardiff on Sunday, July 6.**

The route has a choice of 20 or 60 miles. It starts at the Penarth Leisure Centre in Andrew Road, and is an ideal opportunity to enjoy a great day out with friends and family, at one of five specially selected locations in the UK.

Paul Jackson-Clark, director of fundraising at Parkinson's UK, said: "The cycling distances on offer are designed to suit all abilities, from families to experienced cyclists, so I would encourage everyone to saddle

up. All funds raised will make a real difference to our work to improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's in Wales."

The entry fee for both the 20 and 60-mile ride is £20 (£10 for 12-15 year olds). All cyclists will receive an exclusive Pedal for Parkinson's finisher's medal.

To register, call the Parkinson's UK events team on 020 7963 9319 or sign up online at:

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## Taking on fuel for an adventure!

by MARIA LEIJERSTAM

**DOUBLE** world record holder Maria Leijerstam from the Vale of Glamorgan, founder of the Burn Series of multisport events and qualified personal trainer, will inspire you with her weekly GEM column on simple family sporting adventures in the beautiful countryside of south Wales.

Maria will guide you on how and where in your area you can combine sport and fitness into family fun.

**A VERY important aspect of adventure is knowing how to fuel your body so it can carry you through your adventure.**

Nutrition doesn't need to be a complicated subject and the simplest way to understand it is to experiment.

We all process food differently and we all have our own tastes, so if you're off on an adventure you'll need to know in advance what's going to work for you and how different foods can improve your performance.

Mother and daughter pair, Carole Adams (49), and Josephine (8), who are competing in the Mini Burn multisport event at Margam Park on June 28, have been doing just that. After a 60g bowl of porridge for Carole and a 40g portion for Josephine, plus some



**Maria Leijerstam**

water to keep them hydrated, they were able to cycle for 45 minutes before feeling a dip in energy. The aim during the event is not to feel this dip and hence they both need to consider having something to eat

after 30 minutes in order to keep the energy levels up.

Porridge makes an excellent source of slow releasing energy. Adding a small portion of dried fruit, some nuts and seeds or some honey, increases the nutritional value and provides a different breakfast taste each morning.

One morning this week, why not experiment yourself? Choose foods that are high in carbohydrate but low in sugar.

I religiously study the contents of what I eat, both to help me perform at my maximum and also to educate myself about food. It's amazing what you'll learn.

Set yourself the challenge and let us know how you got on. Log onto [www.burnseries.co.uk/youradventure](http://www.burnseries.co.uk/youradventure) for full details.

I'm currently in the Mediterranean having my first holiday since returning from Antarctica. It's not all holiday though, as it began with a three-day passage from Croatia to Corfu on a sailing yacht, where we experienced huge swells and strong winds.

It was a challenge just to do the basic things in life such as eat, sleep and go to the toilet.

Safely back in port, it's made me realise the value of living a varied life and putting ourselves in different and sometimes challenging situations.

While at sea, I've been considering my next big adventure, which is likely to be a water-based challenge. I just love the feeling of achievement and overcoming the seemingly impossible.

Make sure you join me next week for more adventures. Telephone 07862 227 187, or email [maria@burnseries.co.uk](mailto:maria@burnseries.co.uk).

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## Cottrell Park event will boost George Thomas Hospice Care

**ON Friday, June 27, at Cottrell Park Golf Club, international opera stars will entertain diners at an evening of fine food, wine and song – in aid of George Thomas Hospice Care.**

It is the fourth year in a row that this event had been held and it is always a sell-out.

George Thomas Hospice Care is a major provider of specialist palliative care to those suffering from cancer and other life-threatening illnesses in the Welsh capital. Also providing valuable support to Marie Curie in the Vale of Glamorgan, the charity is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Corporate fundraising and events manager, Nicky Piper, said: "We are delighted to be back at the beautiful Cottrell Park Golf Club. If you like light opera and songs from the West End, then you must come to this event. A glass of bubbly while overlooking the 18th green followed by great food and wonderful singing makes a superb evening".

As usual, Welsh opera star, Gareth Rhys Davies will assemble a group of international singers.

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# 'Weather permitting, the bee pollinators will play their part' *News from Fonmon Apiary*

**THE dry and warm days we have experienced of late have certainly seen plenty of activity at all of the apiaries.**

Rain has occurred, but nonetheless all hives are doing well; the queens are busy egg laying and room within each hive is at a premium.

I have been adding boxes to allow for this expansion but in one of my colonies the signs of swarming were missed and consequently they did swarm. It is, after all, the time of year when swarming occurs.

Already I have been called out to collect swarms; two in particular were not easy to secure – one was on the face of a building spreading up the wall and onto the roof guttering.

The second was flat on a lawn – this one occurred because the branch of a rose bush they had alighted

on could not support their weight, it snapped and bingo, there they were, carpet-like on the ground.

Each swarm required a different approach to secure it, ie up a ladder for one and on hands and knees for the other. They are now safely ensconced in individual hives and are busily constructing a new home.

*How do they do this?* Well, the boxes they occupy have been supplied with wooden frames into which has been secured very thin sheets of beeswax (this is known as foundation), it is imprinted with the shape of the hexagonal cells that the bees use themselves.

If there is one thing a swarm of bees are primed for, it is to build a new home. Had a beekeeper not collected them, they would end up in a hole in a wall, or a chimney or even a hollow tree and here they would start to build wax comb from scratch.

Each of these swarms was what we call a Prime Swarm: this is a swarm that will be made up of at least 30,000/40,000 bees.

In this Prime Swarm, there are wax producers and comb builders – so given a little help from the beekeeper, these bees have a better chance of survival than they would have if left in the wild.

What would threaten the survival of these swarms in the wild? Well, modern day agriculture seems to have little use for any kind of insect. The use of chemically treated seed, chemical sprays and the cutting of silage has produced a landscape that is a desert as far as wildlife is concerned.

Quite apart from that, there is, of course, the Varroa mite. This is the major enemy of the honeybee. I, of course, along with other beekeepers, can only control this mite effectively by using chemical control myself.

There is currently no biological control that we know of that can eradicate this alien invader.

Many of those new to the beekeeping scene are convinced that their bees are not infested with Varroa. If only this was the case. There cannot be any beekeeper in Wales who does not have the Varroa mite in their colonies. If I am wrong, I will be delighted to hear from you.

*However, things are looking good so far and if we get a summer of fine weather, the pollinating insects will play their part – along with all the other variety of insects out there. We need them all!*

**HAROLD WILLIAMS**



The group pose with pupils Morgan Webber, Storme-Louise Evans, Jess Cartwright, Katie Shields, Kim Long, Lauren Coombs and Rachel Willmot.

## Pupils look at changes over time with Wednesday Club

**AS part of their equality and diversity qualification, a group of year-11 Bryn Hafren pupils in Barry and their teacher, Mrs Homer, attended Crossway Methodist Church to meet the 'Wednesday Club', which meets each week and is open to all ages, for socialising, refreshments and group discussions.**

The pupils asked club members for their thoughts on changes they have seen in Barry over the years and the comparison between teenagers then and now.

The pupils were welcomed by Wednesday Club leader and secretary, Debbie Carter, and met minister of the church, Rev Pete Taylor.

Each pupil put a question to the audience, which prompted lively discussion, with the changing face of Barry being slowly revealed.

A member of the group described how Barry was once a thriving port bringing many jobs to the area and transforming it from a village into a town. Others talked about the abundance of cinemas and dance halls

in comparison to now. Mention of cinemas in Barry struck a chord with the pupils and Kim Long (year-11) described her memories of the Theatre Royal and said it was missed

by all ages in the community.

*The pupils were later taken back in time with photographs of some members of the group when they were teenagers.*

## Young pianists shine



**TWO Vale pupils of piano teacher Sue Bird are celebrating success.**

Oliver Tait won the European Piano Teachers Association national competition's Cardiff regional final at RWCMD.

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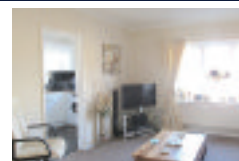
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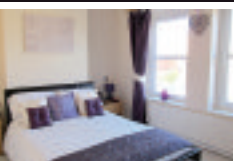
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## PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS' NEWS

## Sunny walk through history at St Fagans

ON what turned out to be a delightful sunny spring Sunday, six walkers joined leaders Krys and Pam at Radyr, where the population expanded after the opening of the railway station in 1863.

Heading along Heol Isaf, they tramped pathways in a built-up area towards Radyr Golf Club, which opened in 1902.

Carefully skirting the edge of the golf course to pass through woodland, they emerged onto a lane, then the lower part of the golf course and over a stile into a field, before crossing the busy Llantrisant Road.

Going downhill through a field, and crossing a bridge over the disused railway line to a farm track which led on to Croft-y-Genau Road, they followed Pentreban Road to St Fagans, where the folk museum made the perfect place to stop for lunch.

The first castle at St Fagans was built in 1091 and by 1616, a house set in its own gardens was owned by the Lewis family, later passing through marriage into the Windsor family, when it became part of the Plymouth estate.

In 1946, the Earl of Plymouth donated the castle and grounds for the siting of the Welsh folk museum and

during the following two years, both the grounds and castle were opened to the public.

After lunch, the group tramped through the village, passing the 12th century St Mary the Blessed Virgin church, which is noted for its stained glass windows and fine decorative features.

The whole church underwent restoration between 1858 and 1860, with the work being paid for by Baroness Windsor, who occupied St Fagans Castle.

Returning to Pentreban Road and entering a field to descend past the Waterhall plantation, followed by an uphill climb, they re-crossed the railway line to reach Maes-y-Llech farmyard.

Another short spell of road walking led the group back to the outskirts of Radyr and following a path around Radyr Comprehensive School, to pass former railway workers' cottages, they returned to their start.

On May 17, meet at Llantwit Major bus station to catch the 9.45am (303) bus to Wick for the linear coastal walk back to Nash Point with a guided tour of the lighthouse before returning to Llantwit; contact Barbara on 01446 794313.

On May 18, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12.5-mile moderate/hard walk taking in Cyfarthfa Castle and Vaynor; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On May 22, the evening ramble will leave Cosmeston Country Park at 7pm for a four-mile moderate circular walk to Sully; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

## Blindfolded MP's journey of discovery



THE Vale MP Alun Cairns experienced the problems faced by blind and partially sighted people using public transport on a journey from King Square to Barry Island.

He took a bus trip blindfolded, accompanied by Guide Dogs Cymru engagement manager Andrea Gordon and others from the visually-impaired community.

He reported: "I had never previously appreciated how difficult it is for a blind person to travel. If the bus is

empty or no-one communicates with a blind passenger, it is impossible to know when to get off.

"I couldn't tell if I was in a traffic jam or at a bus stop. I was trying to listen to the conversations of other passengers to work out where I was.

"I have highlighted the need for a better bus service in Barry and the Vale for some time and this now adds to that focus.

"If audio facilities were at each stop, blind people would have a much better opportunity to use buses in the same way as the rest of us," he added.



ABOVE: Mitchell, John, and Thomas – with Muriel Harrison, regional development officer, ESU, and Marjorie Page at the Senedd.

## Barry boys excel in final of 'English speaking contest'

LAST term – and for the second year running – Barry Comprehensive School was represented in the Wales final of the English Speaking Union's public speaking competition by a team from key stage 4.

Mrs Evans and the students, Thomas Klee, Mitchell Thorngate (year-11) and John McAllister (year-10), were joined at the Senedd by teams from all over the country.

The standard of speakers was high, and thank you again to Matthew but Thomas Klee impressed the judges with his speech about the right to die.

Mitchell Thorngate and John McAllister worked with a team from Brynteg as chairperson and questioner respectively, a very difficult job as they have to react spontaneously to a previously unknown subject.

A school spokesman said: "Although we didn't win the final, the boys definitely did their best and were commended on the standard of their public speaking.

"Well done to everyone involved and thank you again to Matthew Ireland who mentored the team and the parents who came to support."

## Vale students show off Fairtrade pants!

THREE entrepreneurial students from Cardiff and Vale College have set up a company to boost Fairtrade clothing.

The group of three graphic design students, all from the Vale, have set up their own company, Threads, to sell as many pairs of ethically-sourced pants as possible. They have been set the challenge as part of the 'Pantrepreneur' competition, run by sustainable underwear company Pants to Poverty and will be selling pants at markets in Cardiff next weekend.

All proceeds raised from the competition will go to support the Pi Foundation in India, which produces the cotton for the pants. Students from 20 colleges across the UK are taking part.

The winning team will go on a trip to India to visit the Foundation.

Threads, comprising 19-year-old Dan Hunt from Sully, 17-year-old Jac Harries from Barry and 19-year-old Kieran McCarthy from Dinas Powys, recently launched their campaign at a glittering event at Cardiff's Kuku Club. Featuring models and a pants sale, the team raised nearly £650 in four hours.

"We raised £635 at one event, which is amazing," Dan said.

"We're all really passionate about this and we want to use our part in the competition to raise



ABOVE: The Threads team (left to right) of Keiran McCarthy, Jac Harries and Dan Hunt.

awareness of how Pants to Poverty is changing the world of fashion, as well as win a once in a lifetime trip to India."

The Threads team will hit the streets this weekend: They will have a stall at Roath Market on Saturday (May 17) and one at Riverside Market on Sunday, May 18. Plans are also afoot for a

one-stop pop-up pants shop in Cardiff or the Vale.

Threads have until June to try and raise as much money as possible. If you would like to help the team, visit their stalls or call Claire Oatridge at

CAVC on 01446 725090 or email COatridge@cavc.ac.uk.

## 'Portrait of Performers'

A BARRY artist has two exhibitions taking place over the next few weeks.

Carl Chapple is exhibiting 'Portraits of Performers' at the Museum of Modern Art Cymru, in Machynlleth, until June 7, and at Penarth Pier Pavilion from June 13 to July 13.

Paul explained: "The exhibitions feature a total of around 45 oil paintings from my series Portraits of Performers.

"Paintings were made from life during 2013 and early 2014, and involved working with comedians, actors, dancers, poets and musicians from a range of backgrounds and at various career stages."

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## What's On – in brief

### Garden talk

THE Llantwit Major Horticultural Society's May meeting will hear an illustrated talk on the Cowbridge Physic Garden by Sue Duffield on May 28 at 7.30pm in Llantwit Hall, Llantwit Major.

It will include the history and construction of the garden and the folklore and medicinal uses of some of the plants in the 12 medicinal beds, and also cover some of the fruit and other plants. All welcome; admission free.

The June meeting is not as advertised, and will take place as usual in Llantwit Hall.

### Stained glass window festival

ST PAUL'S Church, Pontyclun, is holding its third stained glass window festival on June 28, (10am-5pm) and Sunday, June 29 (12pm-5pm); adults £1, children 50p.

There will be entertainment from local musicians, refreshments including homemade cakes and raffle. Vote for your favourite window.

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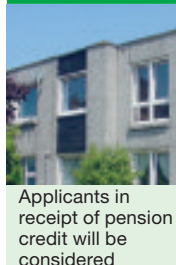
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*The secret is out at last as the couple's friends gather to celebrate their big day.*



## HOW LOVE BREWED AT THE RAF WINGS APPEAL!

**THE Barry RAF Association's 'Brew for the Few' has a lot to answer for.**

Jack Hawkins (former RAF MTD), branch Wings organiser, met and fancied Lynda

Wallis, a lady helping to sell raffle tickets at the 2010 Wings Appeal.

He took her number but didn't make that important phone call. At the 2011 'Brew for the Few' they met up again

and their friendship blossomed secretly.

Little did any of the Barry branch committee suspect how their friendship would develop. At the 2013 'Brew for the Few', it was announced Jack and Lynda were getting engaged and planned to marry in the spring of 2014.

More surprisingly, the

RAF Association branch chairman, Geoff Horton, was appointed the best man, as he had introduced them.

On Thursday, April 19, a civil service was conducted in the Vale Civic Offices to formalise their marriage.

On Saturday, April 21, guests were invited to the West House Hotel in Llantwit Major, scene of

the branch's 'Brew for the Few' events, where a humanist wedding ceremony was conducted in front of family, friends and a 'clutch' of fellow retired RAF MTD drivers from MoD St Athan.

Ben Smith, from TV's Last Choir Standing, was their special guest, singing to the couple during the service.

## Hundreds board the 'Heritage Bus Day'

ON Sunday, May 4, The Cardiff Transport Preservation Group held its second 'Running Day' giving free heritage bus rides from its 1930s heritage vehicle centre The Bus Depot, Barry.

The day had a theme of recognising the 40th anniversary of the end of the Urban District Council structure in Wales.

Back in 1974, some of these councils had been running their own local bus services since the 1920s but change meant larger district councils were taking over.

Mike Taylor, chairman of the heritage bus group, said:

"We saw several hundred people on the day and many of the buses were full leaving



**ABOVE: The Bedwas and Machen bus leaves for Barry Island.**

the depot, with only 30 minutes between departures, queues were forming quickly for the next trip.

"Free bus rides to Penarth and Rhosow were run, along with a Barry Island and town tour.

"It was good to see new members joining us, so we are expanding our influence. Our volunteers, who restored

many of the buses, were very pleased to see local residents and some youngsters too taking advantage of the free buses.

"Our next event on June 8 is the Festival of Transport on Barry Island and is likely to be busy - with lots more visiting buses due and well over 200 classic cars coming."

## PENARTHCOMPUTER CLUB Bugs and a browsing tip

WE are forever fighting against those for whom the idea of fairness, or even the rule of law, is not recognised - if it suits their purpose to help themselves to whatever they fancy.

I'm getting the impression that at least some of them must be kicking themselves at missing out on a great opportunity presented by the Heartbleed Bug.

The bug was accidentally introduced into a widely used security routine for web sites.

It gave the bad guys a chance to pinch information that would enable them to do progressively more harm.

Apart from a few instances, it seems not to have been exploited. The probable reason is that it was such a simple error that no hacker would expect it to be there - any more than a burglar would expect your front door to be unlocked.

Even the security good guys didn't spot it for two years (except of course some national security departments who, according to the usual conspiracy theorists, kept quiet about it while gathering vast quantities of private information.)

As far as it affects those of us living in the real world, it might mean changing our passwords here and there. The question is "Where?"

Firstly, not all sites used the security software system that was compromised. Thankfully that seems to have included all the major banks, most of whom have a further

level of security anyway. Some large sites were affected and have advised users to change their passwords, but only AFTER they confirm that their system has been fixed.

With so many users and so many sites, it is impossible to offer simple guidance to everyone beyond advising you to Google 'Heartbleed Bug'.

There are sites that list the websites affected or not and whether they have been fixed or are in the process of being fixed. Facebook, Tumblr, Google, Dropbox and Yahoo were affected. Passwords should be changed regularly anyway; as I'm sure you know.

**AT Computer Club, we emphasise the need to keep learning. Sometimes the simplest of things can make a disproportionate improvement to your computing experience.**

Here is such a tip that I have just come across after years of browsing.

Tabs make browsing simpler. If you right-click on a link you have (amongst other things) the option to open the link in the same or a new window or a new tab. You can then close or open tabs as necessary.

Sometimes you find that you have closed a tab and then realise that you want to go back to it. The Air Training Corps encourages cadets of all ages to undertake their gliding induction course training, soon after joining the ATC. Cadets begin with the gliding induction course (GIC) and are given a 20

## Cpl Steph gains her gliding wings

**CORPORAL Steph Jones (16) of 372 (Barry) Squadron has successfully completed her gliding scholarship in the modern Vigilant glider.**

Steph received many hours of supervised gliding instruction over several weekends at MOD St Athan; with the training becoming ever more intense, building up to her final test flight.

Many hours were spent in lectures understanding subjects such as airmanship, rules of the air, meteorology, principles of flight, air navigation, safety, engine failure and emergency procedures.

Steph also experienced flying in thermals which gave her additional flying time, honing her flying skills to the very highest of standards. Showing dedication and commitment, Steph realised her dream of completing her gliding scholarship.

Steph said: "I am really pleased to have completed this amazing course, I really enjoy flying and to take complete control of a glider by myself is amazing. I was really chuffed when I was presented with my gliding wings".

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*The Vigilant motor glider.*

30 minute sortie learning the basics of how to fly a glider (except for taking off and landing).

The next stage is the gliding scholarship, which generally trains the candidate to fly to solo standard. Flying and gliding for the Air Cadets is free!

Steph has been with 372 Squadron for four years and has attended summer camps at RAF stations, flown in RAF aircraft, undertaken adventure training exercises, experienced overseas trips to Poland and Belgium, and has completed her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron have vacancies for boys and girls between 13 - 18



**Corporal Steph Jones.**

years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm - 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour or phone the Squadron on 01446 747734, email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org for more information.

## Presidential handover at Barry Soroptimists



*Jackie, president Audrey, and Ann.*

**PRESIDENT Audrey Hirst's last pleasant duty at the recent AGM of Soroptimist International Barry and district was to present long service certificates.**

One for 45 years went to Ann James, who was the first new member of the club after it was founded in 1968. The other was to Jackie Memory, who has been a club member for 25 years.

President Audrey thanked the club for the 110 per cent support she had received from officers and members. She compared the club to a family that had shared in each other's joys and sorrows. Sadly, the club had lost two members during her year, Elizabeth Ireland and Dr Eileen McGill, both founder members.

She reflected on how much she had enjoyed



**Incoming president Jeni with outgoing president Audrey.**

her term as president and was delighted that the club had fulfilled its fundraising targets for various local, national and international charities.

She was particularly proud that her chosen charity, the Eczema Society, had included a feature on her project in the Society magazine.

Incoming president Jeni Gower-Jones thanked president Audrey for sharing her love of life, food and

wine in a variety of different, delightful social occasions and had been a true and joyful ambassador for the club. President Jeni started her inaugural address with the Maori saying 'Ma I muri ki mua' - our journey is from the past forward.

She said the club began with the founder members, some of whom were present, and she thanked those members for their continued endeavours and remembered the commitments of those no longer with us.

She thanked members for their good wishes and support as she begins her year. Her nominated charity will be Cardiff Institute for the Blind. Jeni lives in Penarth with her husband, Chris. They have two children, Adam who lives in Australia and Zoe, who lives in New Zealand.

## Royal puppet... as large as life!

**IN April, Barry U3A were entertained by Andrew Bradshaw, who brought to life the world of the puppeteer.**

Andrew trained at the Royal College of Music and Drama in theatre and costume design, and completed his course with a life-size puppet of Queen Elizabeth. From there, he received sponsorship to develop his career and over the next 30 years, he has worked at the Sherman Theatre, started his

own company, worked in various productions, from a Royal Command Performance to a cookery series for children and the Muppets.

At the meeting on May 12, Rob Llewellyn spoke on 'The Brain behind the MOB', in New Jerusalem Hall, Barry.

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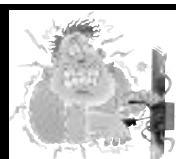
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 35 and 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Regulation 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 is to revise the charges for Off Street Parking Places in the car parks listed in the following schedule.

This Notice will vary the parking charges detailed in the Schedule of Payment Parking Places appended to the VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) ORDER 2013.

The variation of parking charges will come into force on Friday 6th June 2014.

#### SCHEDULE OF PARKING PLACES AND VARIATIONS

Car Park	Current Tariff Times	Current Charges	New Tariff Times	New Charges 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2014
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Dated 15th May 2014

M E Punter  
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**Collins**

*If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, we would walk right up to heaven and bring you home again.*

**In memory of our son John (Cooker), with love from Mum & Dad xxx.**

**TANNER Clifford**

Vera and family would like to thank friends, neighbours and St Nicholas Primary School for their cards of condolence and tributes to Cliff.

*He was very much loved and will be greatly missed.*

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**CLARKE**

**Captain Thomas Ellis AAC**

Died in service of his country in Afghanistan on 26th April 2014, aged 30 years.

Beloved son of Denise and Bruce, brother of Simon and husband of Angela (nee Gordon).

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son funeral home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral service to be held in Holy Cross Church, Church Street, Cowbridge, CF71 7BB on Monday, 19th May 2014 at 1.00pm followed by a Humanist service at Coychurch Crematorium, Coychurch, Bridgend, CF35 6AB at 2.45pm.

Family flowers only please; should you wish to make a donation to either the RNLI or ABF The Soldiers Charity, this may be sent to the funeral home. For enquiries please ring 01446 735400.

**RICHARDS**

**Bryan Walford**

Peacefully at Bella Vista Nursing Home, Barry, Bryan aged 84, much loved husband of Bronwen, cherished father of Jonathan and Stephen and a special "Pampy" to Kathy, Jessica, Daniel, Jacky and Glenn.

Funeral service in Bethel Baptist Church, Llantwit Major on Tuesday, 20 May 2014 at 2pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm. No flowers, but donations may be made to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only please). All enquiries to W.A. Brown & Son 01446 792489.

**JONES**

**Peter Michael**

On May 4 at Holme Tower, Penarth, Peter, aged 67 years, of Llansannor, Cowbridge, died peacefully; a devoted father of Josie and Ed, a much loved father-in-law of Clare, Peter will be greatly missed by Susie, Johnnie, Walter and Will.

Funeral Friday May 16, service and cremation at Wenaltp Chapel, Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff at 2.45pm, where friends please meet. Family flowers only, donations, if so desired, for Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o W.H. Preece & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN, tel. 01443 223368.

**WEBSTER**

**Marjorie Rose**

Suddenly on May 9 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, after a short illness, Marjorie of Boverton, Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of Gordon, dearly loved mother of Mandy and the late Cheryl, much loved by all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday May 21, service and cremation 2.15pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

**GEORGE**

**Christopher Leonard**

Peacefully on May 4 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Chris of Llantwit Major, loving husband of Paula, dearly loved father of Cara and Sophie, much loved grandfather of Soraya and Eva.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, May 20, service 2pm at St Illtud's Church followed by interment in Llantwit Major Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

**ROBERTSON**

**Nigel Arthur**

Suddenly on April 18th, Nigel, well known for his time at Lloyds Bank and an active member of Barry Athletic Tennis Club.

*Nigel will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.*

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until a celebration of Nigel's life at The Vale Funeral Service Chapel, Windsor Road, Barry on Saturday, 31st May at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made at the service to The British Heart Foundation in memory of Nigel.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**'E' Ian Rees**

21st July 1976 - 18th May 2010

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Gifting sight and life to others  
In our hearts and missed every day*

**PRIMUS INTER PARES**

**LOUGHER**

**Mike**  
(Marcross)

Suddenly on Thursday, 1st May, after a long illness courageously borne, Mike, dearly loved husband of Val, devoted father of Steven and Paul. Loving father-in-law of Amanda, cherished Bamps of Rhys, Corey, Kean and Alex.

Resting at Southlands Funeral Home until the service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium Bridgend on Thursday, 22nd May at 1.15pm (no neck ties by Mike's request). Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to Marie Curie or Macmillan Nurses c/o Duncan Thomas of Evan E Thomas & Sons, Southlands Funeral Home, South Road, Portcawl, CF36 3DA, 01656 783383.

**Weddings**

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&  
**Andrew Speed**

on your Wedding  
in New York  
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9th May 2014.

Lots of love Mum,  
Dad & Lyla xxx

**Birthdays**

**Look who's 18!**

**Rhys Richards**

on 13 May

All our Love  
Mum, Dad  
& Lloyd xxx

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**HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY**

on 13th May  
To my lovely  
grandson

**RHYS RICHARDS**

With all  
my love  
Nanna xxx

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**Happy 40th Birthday**

**Sarah Barlow**

17th May 2014

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**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF  
PUBLIC PATH ORDER  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.1 WICK  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION  
ORDER 2013**

Ar 15 Ebrill 2014, cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaed o dan adran 119 o Ddeddf Prifffyrdd 1980.

Effaith y Gorchymyn a gadarnhawyd fydd ailgyfeirio'r llwybr troed cyhoeddus yn y modd a welir yn yr Atodiad ac ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Bydd copïau o'r Gorchymyn a gadarnhawyd a map y Gorchymyn, i'w gweld yn rhad ac am ddim yn ystod yr wythnos yn y cyfeiriad isod, rhwng 9:00am a 4:00pm o 15 Mai 2014 hyd 26 Mehefin 2014. Bydd copïau o'r map a'r Gorchymyn ar werth yn y fan honno am £4.50 yr un.

Daw'r Gorchymyn hwn i rym ar 15 Mai 2014. Serch hynny, os bydd unrhyw un sy'n tybio iddo gael cam, yn dymuno holi ynghylch dilystrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaeth ynddo, am nad yw o fewn pwerau Ddeddf Prifffyrdd, ynteu na chydymffurfioyd â gofynion y Ddeddf neu reoliadau a wnaed o dani wrth gadarnhau'r Gorchymyn, caiff yr unigolyn hwnnw wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys o dan baragraff 2 Atodiad 2 o'r Ddeddf drwy weithrediad paragraph 5 Atodlen 6, cyn pen 6 wythnos o 15 Mai 2014.

Dyddiedig 15 Mai 2014

Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Datblygu  
Swyddfa'r Doc, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barri, CF63 4RT

On the 15th day of April 2014 The Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map may be seen at the address below free of charge between 9:00am and 4:00pm on weekdays from 15th May 2014 until 26th June 2014. Copies of the Order and map may be bought here at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on the 15th May 2014, but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he/she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 15th May 2014 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 15th day of May 2014

Director of Development Services  
Docks Offices, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT

**PORTHKERRY**  
Park in Barry was the first venue for the new South Wales Running League on Sunday, May 11.

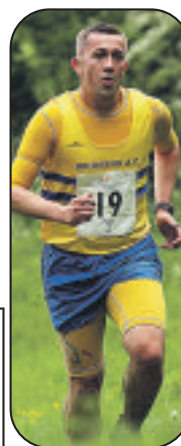
As you can see from Glyn Evans' images there was a good turnout with some people keen to race and others just aiming to do the distance.

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## NOTICE OF VARIATION OF PARKING CHARGES VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL OFF STREET PARKING PLACES NOTICE OF VARIATION (No. 1) 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 35 and 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Regulation 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 is to revise the charges for Off Street Parking Places in the car parks listed in the following schedule.

This Notice will vary the parking charges detailed in the Schedule of Payment Parking Places appended to the VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) ORDER 2013.

The variation of parking charges will come into force on Friday 6th June 2014.

### SCHEDULE OF PARKING PLACES AND VARIATIONS

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& Harbour Road Barry Island				
Nells Point Barry Island	0-1 Hours 1 + Hours Buses/Coaches Disabled Solo Motorcycle	£1.00 £4.00 £5.00 Free Free	0-2 Hours 2 + Hours Buses/Coaches Disabled Solo Motorcycle	£2.00 £5.00 £10.00 Free Free
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Dated 15th May 2014

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Director of Visible Services & Housing

## Season comes to an end

THE south Wales and Monmouthshire point-to-point season comes to an end with the Gelligaer Farmers fixture at popular Lower Machen on Saturday.

With this year's Lady Dudley Cup winner Findlay's Find, Rosies Peacock, Silver Token, Bob's Law and the highly regarded Universal Soldier figuring among the 23 entries for the mixed open event, racegoers could be in for a treat.

There are 15 down to run in the members' race and John Miles' Gallaflynn, who outjumped his three rivals to land the Tredegar Farmers

men's open over the course a fortnight ago, has Benefit Of Youth to beat.

Of the 21 entries for the confined race Patricktom Boru, Tiger Rag and Doctor Henry look best.

Michael Hawker's Cecile De Volanges, who lost her maiden tag over the course two weeks ago, is one of the 24 entries for the restricted and she has a tough task this time with Colley Row, Gale Force Lucey and Toolatetobearly entered.

With 31 entries for the first of the two open maiden races and 22 down to face the starter for the second aged eight-year-old and over race, division on the day is possible. The first race is at 2pm.

BRIAN LEE



# Badminton club celebrate Betty's 80th birthday!

**PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY**  
Badminton Club recently celebrated the 80th birthday of founder member Betty Steers with a firework cake, orange fizz and tea!

Betty has also been a mainstay of community life in the village, filling many roles over many decades, including more than 20 years as leader of the Guides, both locally and nationally.



Photographs  
by IAN  
DIXON



## Football match honours Welsh liberators...

**THE 146 Welshmen who fell in the liberation of s'Hertogenbosch, Holland in 1944, will be remembered in a special celebration as part of the Netherlands - Wales pre-World Cup friendly football match.**

The match will be played on June 4 in Holland and 146 football players aged between seven and 14 from the s'Hertogenbosch area will attend, "symbolising the 146 Welshmen who died in our city".

According to Jan de Wit of the City of s'Hertogenbosch: "These 146 representatives of the youngest generation will symbolise the 146 Welshmen who died in our city. The children will express their gratitude to Wales and its supporters in a fitting manner."

All 146 boys and girls will be received at a special reception where the special meaning of their visit to this game and the tribute will be explained.

The players will then

attend a football clinic organised by local club FC Den Bosch.

A s'Hertogenbosch contingent is travelling to Cardiff for Armed Forces Day and will play an important part in the day.

A 20-strong bicycle team will join the delegation from s'Hertogenbosch. During a brief ceremony on Monday, June 23, at the Uden War Cemetery, where the Welsh soldiers are buried, they will light a torch and then embark upon a 600 km bicycle trip to Wales (via Hook of Holland, Harwich, Stevenage and Cheltenham).

Returning that flame will symbolically take the 146 Welshmen back to their homeland.

On Friday, June 27, the flame will be lit at the s'Hertogenbosch Memorial in Pontypridd and on Saturday, June 28, the flame will be carried in the official parade in Cardiff and will permanently be handed over to Cardiff.

DM

**Junior coach wanted**  
LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC are inviting applications for a coach of junior rugby, to coach boys and girls aged from 11 to 16.

There is an attractive remuneration package, and extensive rugby experience necessary. The club will provide WRU coaching courses as required; please email CV to: fixtures@LMRFC.org.uk.

## Youngsters are ace!

**THE youngest players at Barry Tennis Club, the eight years and under team (or mini-reds) hosted their close friends and rivals from Penarth Lawn Tennis Club last Saturday in their third Aegon Team Tennis fixture of the summer season.**

Four players from Barry competed against four from PLTC in unpleasant, windy conditions, but all boys demonstrated great sportsmanship despite the unfavourable elements.

Barry's professional coaching team, Vale Tennis Academy, also provide the coaching at PLTC, as well as at Cowbridge Tennis Club and the Vale Resort, so there is a strong, but friendly

additional element of competition between the clubs.

For many of the players, these summer Aegon Team Tennis fixtures are their first taste of competitive tennis, and the team format helps to boost confidence and a sense of fraternity amongst the players.

Barry won 12 of the 16 rubbers played, and are currently in the middle of their division league table, with one more fixture to play.

If you'd like to find out more about the club and its activities, please contact Penny on 07816 311263, email info@barrytennis.co.uk, or follow on Twitter and Facebook.

## GEORGIA ENJOYS A SUCCESSFUL SEASON!

**LOCAL girl**  
Georgia Roberts-Powell has had an outstanding season with Cardiff City Ladies under-14s.

The team have been crowned triple champions, as they have won two cup finals, including beating Mardy Tigers 2-1 in the League Cup final.

Cardiff have played 24 games, winning 23 and drawing one, scoring 142 goals, and conceding only seven.

Before Christmas, the team won the East Division, finishing unbeaten in seven games, and went on to win the South Wales FA Cup Final, beating Port Talbot 2-1.

To finish off a fantastic season, last week the team won Division 1 with four games to spare.

Georgia has had an amazing season with the team and is looking forward to the season ahead with the under-16s. Georgia has a very busy schedule as she also plays for Cardiff City Performance Centre, Welsh Regional Development Squad and Cardiff and Vale County Squad.

A massive



congratulations to Cardiff City ladies under-14s players, all the supporters who have travelled far and wide in all weathers, and a special thank you to coach Sharon Champion.

JR

## Erin looks sharp!



**ERIN CORCORAN (12)** has been fencing for nearly two years and belongs to Russell Swords fencing club.

She is coached by Peter Russell and Fran Whalley, and recently won a silver medal for coming second at the British youth championships in the girls under-12 saber competition, which took place on May 5 at the English institute of sport in Sheffield.

She qualified for this competition by entering the BYC qualifiers in Cardiff where she won a gold and a chance to represent Wales.

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## Vauxhall is staying the Corsa!

**THE** Vauxhall Corsa was first introduced in 1992 as a replacement to the 10 year-old Vauxhall Nova.

Clearly, Vauxhall has enjoyed success with the Corsa because we are now on the third incarnation of this model, launched in 2006.

I have fond memories of the first generation model. It was quite revolutionary when it hit the streets in 1992. I liked the look of it and felt privileged to learn to drive in one.

Driving instructor Tim Weeks in Weymouth had a brand new one and he regretted telling me to put my foot down in our first lesson together!

Nine lessons later and I passed. These were in

the days of lessons at £10 an hour and there was no theory test.

The first generation was a massive step change away from the old boxy Nova.

This fresh-faced curvaceous hatchback was arguably the most attractive of the range, considering other models of the period were beginning to show their age; not least the Cavalier, Carlton and Senator.

In the '90s, a friend of mine had a purple first generation model and it was eye-catching; I suspected that was probably the most daring Vauxhall would ever be. But things are different now and when I'm confronted by the garish lime green 1.3CDTi example, I do take a step back.

My mother-in-law will never get in a green car

by TIM SAUNDERS



The Vauxhall Corsa 2

because she believes they are unlucky (she once had an accident in one) but I push those comments to the back of my mind.

This latest example reminds me of the first Corsa in a number of ways. It's still the bearer of cheeky youthful looks and it's still quite compact, as you can see from the video at [testdrives.biz](http://testdrives.biz). It's fun to drive too.

Its compact size makes finding a parking space easier than normal. During our test run to Oxford we make good time and during the 130 miles of quite arduous motorway driving, it uses about a quarter of a tank of fuel, which is pretty reasonable.

In a previous life my company car used to be a Vauxhall Astra and it had the same sized engine as this Corsa but it only returned around 50mpg.

I was always impressed with the abilities of the Astra but putting that same engine in a smaller vehicle was always going to bring more of a smile to my face.

Inside, the driving position seems quite high but you quickly get used to it. The 1.3CDTi diesel unit can be heard, especially under pressure. But it is gutsy and this is a car that will happily hold its own in the outside lane of the motorway or feel just at home crawling around the town.

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There's still a little despondency in second gear but once it finds its feet the little Corsa is a good drive and economical (67mpg - engine helped by start/stop).

The five speed manual gearbox is a little notchy for my liking but decisive enough.

The seats are supportive even over a long distance.

One minute this little car can be happily used as a decent run-around and the next it can double up as a tiny van.

Once the children's car seats are removed from the back, the rear seats very easily fold down revealing a pretty large floor space.

It's a very capable car and there's a useful switch on the dashboard for cancelling the front passenger airbag if a child is sitting in their car seat; often you have to fiddle about in the glovebox.

The first edition Corsa did not have air conditioning but although the latest model does, it does struggle with hot temperatures.

At any rate this is a car for all those wishing to rediscover their youth.

**New price range:** £9,495 - £18,080.

**Economy:** 67mpg. **0-60mph:** 13.6secs. **Top speed:** 101mph. **Power:** 73bhp.

Watch the video at [www.testdrives.biz](http://www.testdrives.biz).

## Ogmore's Nick lands his 200th winner

**TWENTY-eight-year-old Nick**

**Williams, who assists his father Robert at the Ogmore Pony Trekking Centre, rode his 200th winner at the Banwen Miners' Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Resolven on May Day Bank Holiday Monday.**

Nick, who booted home his first winner back in 2002 on Rimpiton Boy at Lark Hill, has now ridden 155 point-to-point winners a further 44 under rules and one on the flat.

Billy Congo, the horse which gave him his 200th win, made all the running in the three-horse members' race to score by 25 lengths from Late Red ridden by Kriss Hammer and was a long odds-on favourite.

Nick, who trains the horse for Neath carpet salesman Nigel Hopkins, said the seven-year-old brown gelding had at first been hard to train, but he had managed to straighten him out.

Other highlights of Nick's riding career include riding a three timer at Cheltenham, the spiritual home of steeplechasing, winning

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the Horse & Hound Cup at Stratford and winning the Welsh riders' championship.

Mrs Angela Rucker, who has had several horses in training with the Vale's Evan Williams, which have come close to winning the Grand National, took the AGA Ladies' Open race on her 10-year-old gelding Sagalyrique, which is qualified with the Worcestershire Hunt.

Sagalyrique beat Pathian Prince, ridden by Jodie Hughes, by a length with Sumak a further two lengths away in third place.

Angela has ridden more than 80 winners, and I had the pleasure of reporting on her very first win at Llantarnam. However, it was so long ago that she doesn't want me to mention it!

One thing for certain, evergreen Angela is still riding as well as ever and although I don't like to see horses from away hunts beating our own horses, I am pleased to make an exception in Mrs Rucker's place as she is such a nice person.

The men's open race was won by David Llewellyn's Rosies Peacock, which scored by 20 lengths from

James Tudor's mount Oldrik. Rosies Peacock has now won 21 point-to-points and one hunter chase from around 45 races. Rosies Peacock was ridden by Tenby's John Mathias who was also successful aboard Doctor Henry (confined), Nishay (Intermediate) and Gale Force Lucy (Open Maiden Division One).

Llanharan's Evan David, who is enjoying a good season, was seen at his best when winning the restricted on Brian Llewellyn's Wiston Dreamer. Evan had the eight-year-old in a handy position throughout and in a good finish beat Nick Williams's mount Once In A Lifetime, which had led at the last, by half-a-length.

A huge crowd enjoyed some good racing in what was described by Mrs Rucker as "lovely surroundings" but some racegoers complained that the tents were situated too near the actual racecourse, making it hard for people to get to the bookmakers and the parade ring, while an ice cream van placed in the middle of the pathway didn't help matters at all!

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## Romilly bowlers in Munro Cup action

**BARRY Romilly entertained Millwood BC at Romilly Park on Wednesday, May 7 for a Munro Cup clash.**

This was the 'Roms' second Munro game and having opened the previous week with a win, they were keen to continue their successful start to the season against local rivals Millwood.

The game was on an overcast and windy night and with players wrapped up against the conditions; after nine ends the score was close with Romilly leading by just three shots, 31-28, although down on three rinks – only Mike Doyle's rink was ahead 12-3.

There were some tight games with Romilly's rink skipped by G Cogbill having to hold a fight back from Millwood's Roger Jones who picked up five shots over the last three ends to win 18-14 after being ahead 18-9.

Brian Foscolo's rink was always behind against Alan Bumford, with the Millwood rink running out victors by just two shots, 12-14.

The remaining Millwood rinks ran out easy winners. Mike Doyle's continued their good form, eventually winning 27-5. Fred Phillips' rink – although behind by five shots after nine ends to Millwood's Peter Taylor – won 20-13, scoring 15 shots to 3 during the second nine ends.

### CARRUTHERS SHIELD

**Barry Romilly Club Side travelled to Pencoed BC for their second game in the Carruthers Shield, looking for a win after last week's reverse against Kenfig Hill.**

There was a number of positional changes made looking to the future in an effort to gain some ideas for rinks in the forthcoming important league fixtures.

The game began and it was evident during the trial ends that it was going to be a difficult afternoon on a tricky green with the wind causing all sorts of problems.

## Monkey take the title!

**BARRY ISLAND Sports & Social Skittle team The Blue Monkey, who play in the Barry Pub Skittle league division 2, have completed their fixtures this season and have won the Division 2 league title.**

This was achieved partly by winning their last 14 games on the trot, quite a record, thus securing promotion back to the 1st division.

The team has been

revitalised this season due to captain Nicky Stokes bringing in new players after last season's poor run when on occasions they had to play with 10 players which resulted in them being relegated. They look forward to playing in Division 1 again.

Barry Island Sports & Social skittle alley is available if any teams are looking for a new alley Monday to Friday; contact [crj30639@btinternet.com](mailto:crj30639@btinternet.com) for more information.

CJ

## Millwood slip to loss

**THERE was quite a convincing win for Romilly against Millwood in the Munro Cup by a margin of 31 shots.**

Millwood were hoping for another win in this cup series, but as the score indicates, we were winners on only one rink out of the four, thereby losing by 12 points to 21!

Romilly were coping with the green much better than Millwood, though it was a bit breezy and rather cool.

Millwood were leading on three rinks

two thirds of the way into this Cup game, but let the advantage slip to the home side at the end; sorry to say that one rink was playing catch-up right from the very start and never looked in contention!

Once again, the game was played in the usual sporting manner, and hospitality was enjoyed after the game in the clubhouse.

Millwood are away to Pontycymer on May 24 in the Carruthers Shield, while Millwood 'A' play away to Murch 'A' on the same day in the SVL.

After the first five ends, Pencoed led by one shot with all rinks neck and neck, and after 10 ends the game remained close but Pencoed had edged further ahead by six shots.

The wind got worse with woods blown off-line and players struggled to deliver their woods due to the gusting wind making it very frustrating for all players.

Mel Newman's rink, who were leading early on, suddenly hit a black hole dropping 17 shots from end nine to end 16 without any reply. Graham Cogbill's rink offset this reverse by scoring eight shots to one over ends 12 to 18. Also, Jeff Wright's rink, although three behind at the 14th end, scored 10 shots to 2 over the last seven ends to win by three shots.

Fred Phillips' rink was one behind at the 16th end but suffered a six shot deficit over ends 17 to 20 and on the 21st end Phillips' rink required a four to win the match, although holding two shots and bowling the last wood.

A draw was not good enough to take Romilly to their last Carruthers game next week with a chance of qualifying, and therefore he had to attempt to move the jack to the side to make the required shots but unfortunately the bowl wrecked on a short bowl, failing in the overall game by one shot.

Barry Romilly 'A' were due to play an SVLA Cup game against Cadoxton 'A' at Romilly Park, but Cadoxton were unable to raise a side.

FP

## The Athletic are defeated - by weather!

**LAST weekend's games involving Barry Athletic were cancelled due to extreme weather over the weekend, with both the 1st XI, 2nd XI and 3rd XIs having their games postponed.**

This week the 1st XI travel to Radyr for a league game, the 2nd XI are at home to Blackwood Town on Saturday, the 3rd XI are at home on Sunday to Tondur, with the midweek XI at home on Wednesday night against Cogan Chiefs.

Barry Athletic Cricket Club are looking for players for their junior sides players aged between seven and 15. Junior training is on Thursday nights starting at 6pm at the Athletic Ground, Paget Road, Barry Island - please come a support your local club.

MR

## Good start for Rhoose bowling club

**RHOOSE Bowling Clubs mens' team have started the season with three wins out of three.**

However, with all three matches being played at home, it remains to be seen how the team will perform in the forthcoming matches on grass greens.

On April 26 Rhoose played a friendly against Cowbridge B.C. The winning rinks were skipped by Les Parsons Jnr., Paul Williams and Geoff Lages.

On Wednesday, April 30, Rhoose played their first Munro Cup match. Their opponents were Dinas Powis and Rhoose won a close match by six shots.

In their Carruthers

Shield match on Saturday, May 3, Rhoose entertained Pencoed B.C. and won by 72 shots to 62. The winning rinks were skipped by Ron Evans and Geoff Lages.

It is hoped that the team will maintain this good form in their games away on grass.

The ladies team have only managed to play one competitive game because of the weather. This was a double rink match against Millwood Ladies.

Rachel Green's rink had a runaway win and the second rink skipped by Mo Dutton was level on the penultimate end but managed to score four shots on the final end to win by 19 shots to 15.

JH

## DINAS HOLD THEIR END OF SEASON AWARDS



**DINAS POWYS FC senior team held their awards evening in the Three Horseshoes public house on Saturday.**

With the disappointment of having the match on Saturday called off due to a waterlogged pitch, the spirits were raised with a few drinks.

This year's winners were players James Bloxham, clubman Ryan Garland and the penalty king Ronan Scott. We are very lucky to have such a young and talented squad of players and

a number of players came close to winning the players' player.

A big thank you to all the committee members and the unseen people behind the scenes this season.

Bryn Morgan is a person the club is very lucky to have; on match days Bryn can be seen working the gate, selling the programmes, and occasionally hunting in bushes for balls. He is a true Dinas FC character who is great to have around.

The team has seen a huge change in recent months and has taken big strides. Firstly,

welcoming the supporters' club back to the club and more importantly seeing a lot of youth and young players breaking through to the first team.

The social events recently have seen a bond between all senior teams, ladies and gents.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the team next year, be it match day balls, advertising in the programme or player sponsorship, please email club chairman K Williams via [kj1981uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kj1981uk@yahoo.co.uk).

LS

## BARRY CHESS CLUB: A season in review

**All of the league games have now been completed, so it is appropriate to review how we have fared.**

The Bosons led the division 1 league table going into the final round of fixtures. While we only lost three games all season the final defeat by a 4-1 margin to the Cardiff Monarchs proved crucial.

This left the door open for the Cardiff Castles who needed to win their final match to steal the title away from us. Unfortunately they defeated the Caerphilly Kings, also by a score of 4-1, to take the title with a one point margin.

In the 14 years I have played for Barry this was the Castles' 12th title.

The Camelots retained their status in

division 1, eventually finishing in seventh place, a full 6.5 points above the relegation zone. This must be considered a good performance as well because in their last appearance in division 1 they were well and truly hammered, winning only one match.

It may be harder to retain this status next season as they will probably be without the improving Rhys Steele, who hopes to go to university in the autumn.

The Quarks were surprised to be promoted last year and expected to struggle in division 2. In terms of ratings we were the lowest rated team by a long way.

We did pick up two wins and two draws from our 18 games which is four positive results we didn't anticipate. While we

finished bottom of the division we performed better than anticipated back in September.

The Gambits started the season really well picking up four wins and a draw from our opening six matches.

We then had a poor spell of play losing six out of the next seven games before winning our final regular season match.

In the play-offs we won all three of our games to finish fifth. Next year this should be a very competitive division with little to choose between the teams, so who knows what we will achieve then?

On an individual basis our top performers were Ashley Davis who recorded five points from his seven matches to record a 71 per cent success rate closely

followed by Rhys Steele, who picked up 21 points from his 30 games which equates to a 70 per cent success rate.

Looking forward, the East Glamorgan pre-AGM meeting is likely to be held in Penarth in the week commencing May 26 and the AGM will either be held in Nelson or north Cardiff in the week commencing June 23.

As there is no summer league or summer knock out Cup this season; as a club Barry intends to run its own programme of events during the summer which will be free and open to all of any ability – further details to come.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at [barrychessclub.yolasite.com](http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com).

PHIL JONES

## Beavers pick up medals

**BARRY Beavers travelled to Tredegar on Saturday to compete against seven Welsh clubs; their hosts were Blaenau Gwent Otters.**

There were 25 heats in the gala so we were in a strong contest with the other clubs to get through to the finals.

We won three gold, four silver and four bronze medals. The gold medalists were Courtney Rogers (girls 50m), Layla Rogers (girls 100m) and Mark Eveleigh (mens 100m).

Silver medalists were Jesse Rodgers (boys 50m), Tracey Marchant (ladies 50m) and Sarah Davies (ladies 100m), Jesse/Talisha/Courtney/Layla (junior relay).

The bronze medalists were Abigail Finch (girls 25m), Jack Kemp (boys 25m), Shannon Rogers (ladies 25m), Talisha Rogers (girls 50m).

The other swimmers that took part and all gained their personal best were Philip Daly, John Evans, Suzanne Haslam, Sophie Woodham, Ffion Jones, Louis Davies, Richard Field, Gareth Lloyd, Matthew Lack, Kyle Siarak, and Nicholas Cushman.

We came second overall and were also eight swimmers down; a big thankyou to all the officials.

We would also like to give our 'get well' wishes to Linda Savory's mother, who was taken ill before the gala.

We look forward to our next gala at Cwmbran on June 21.

PF